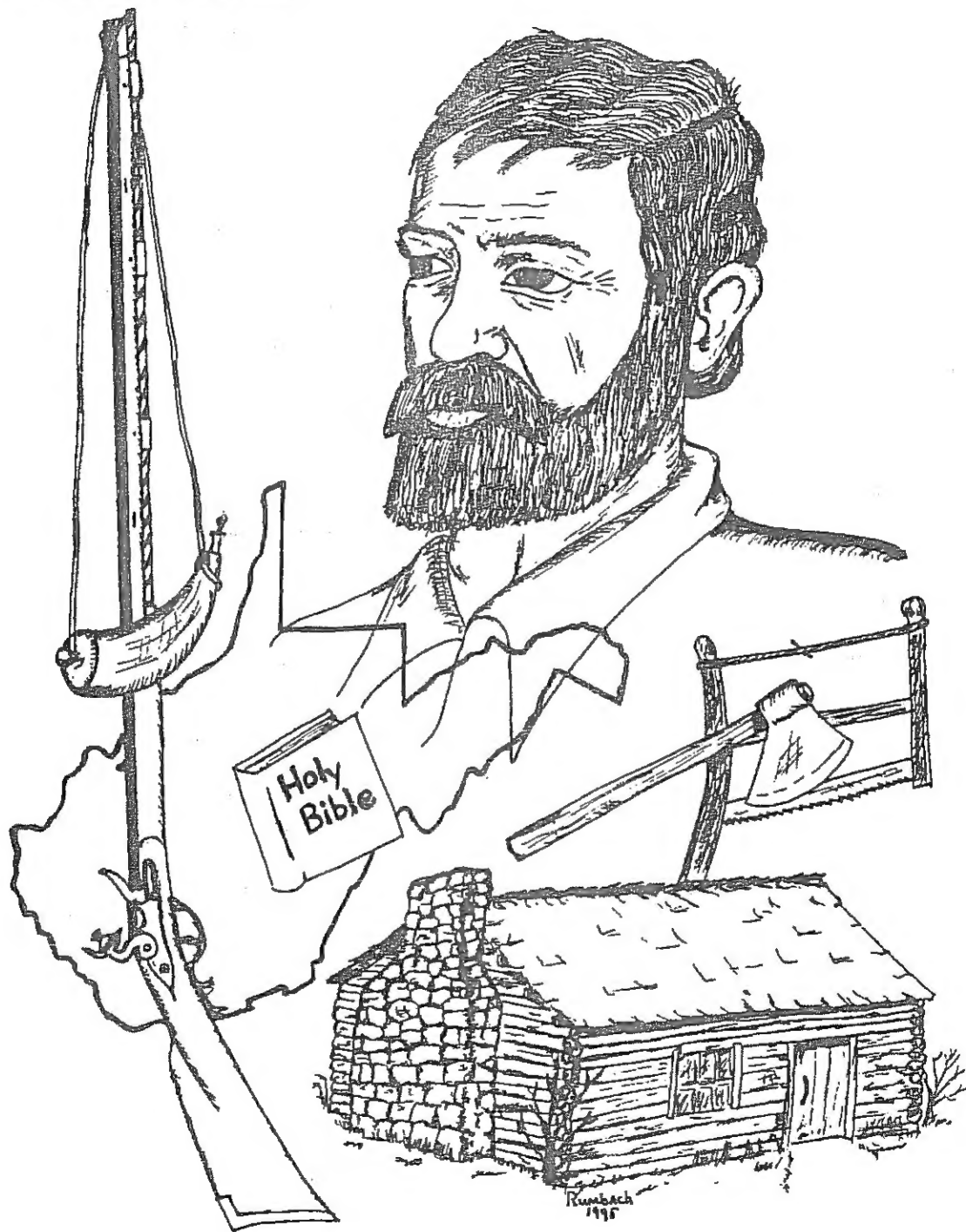


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jots
from
joy

Zillions of twinkling lights dance in our meadow and cling to the trees on the hills that surround it. Our grandchildren say that the angels must have worked overtime to hang so many lights for Christmas in July in the West Virginia hills. To us the phosphorescent glow of the fireflies is a harbinger of the time when YOU and YOU and YOU will be joining us for the annual gathering of the clans. If you are one of those, we'll be glad to see you; and, if YOU can't make it this year, we'll be thinking of you as we gather to share the lives of our ancestors whose summer evenings were lighted by these same gifts from above.

As some of you have heard, I was working on a surname booklet based on the families being researched by our members; but I wasn't getting very far - not enough hours in the day. The membership is in a database, but there are a couple of thousand index cards in the card file that are not incorporated in it.

Now, two of our members, David Kuhl and Billy Jo Runyon, are working long distance to compile a surname booklet for publication. If you have not submitted your surnames, please please please do so at once. (Limit of 20 names per member.) Send your surnames to the office. We will forward to David and Billy Jo.

Linda and Raydine don't tell you; but I can. We're receiving lots of complimentary letters about the fine job these two ladies are doing with the Journal. As my great-grandmother, Ella Sophronia Hacker Winemiller, used to say: "I'm right proud of them." I'm glad to hear that you are too.

We've had problems the past couple of years with a conflict for motel rooms for gatherings. Determined that this won't happen again, we are doing two things: changing the date to the third weekend in August (August 14-17, 1997) and will reserve blocks of rooms in area motels just as soon as they will permit us to do so.

A note of apology to two Life Members: Raymond Wolfe, Jr., I'm sorry I left you off of Issue 1; Bertha Allman, I knew you were there, but apparently dropped you in a computer crash. I'll try not to let it happen again.

Speaking of computers - I think all the gremlins have been purged from the computers. They're working wonderfully well. The card catalog is now all computerized and, thanks to Otis Reed, is kept up to date. Two out-of-towners, members Chuck Money Penny and Phil Stackhouse, came in for a couple of days and worked their magic and solved problems that the local "paid" technicians couldn't seem to resolve; and, local Rollie Neal learned of our need for local computer help and volunteered his time. Thanks, guys, for your support!

Hope your summer is pleasant! Take care!

Till next time -



Death of an Estimable Lady

Died at the city Hospital, Baltimore, Md., on Dec. 22nd 1893, **Mrs. Ardelia A.**, wife of **Mr. L. V. McWhorter**. She had gone to Baltimore to have a cancer removed from her breast. The operation was successfully performed, but the disease had penetrated the heart and lungs and no human skill could save her, and in addition, she took pneumonia fever which was the immediate cause of her death. She was a noble Christian woman, respected and loved by all who knew her. Those who witnessed her death said it was the most sublime and beautiful death they ever beheld. She sank quietly away to rest, *"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch around him and lies down to pleasant dreams."* Her remains were brought home and on Christmas Day were laid to rest in the Buckhannon Run Cemetery by the side of her parents who had preceded her to the unknown land from whence no traveler e'er returns. But the glory that shone in her countenance even in the hour of death showed that the Savior whom she trusted was with her to light up death's dark pathway. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn the loss of their nearest, best and "dearest friend". They have the sympathy of a large circle of relatives and friends in this great affliction.

"Weston Democrat" January 13, 1894

RAP WITH RAYDINE



I feel like singing "June is busting out all over!"
We are bulging at the seams with the influx of people who feel the call to travel in our beautiful state. They are hunting for statistics, stories, cemeteries and other traces of their ancestors, and they end up in the Central West Virginia Library.

This morning I returned from a family reunion, checked in early to get organized before opening time, and there they were waiting - eager beavers from Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia! We'd be disappointed if we didn't have researchers to justify our existence, but sometimes we'd be so happy to see some more volunteers walk through the door. If you're within commuting range, please think about giving us a bit of your time. One day - or one half day - each week or month would lighten the load for the few who devote most of their time to HCPD.

Thanks to those of you who submitted material for the Journal. The quality of your writing is superb and we will try to publish as quickly as possible.

Now that I'm in a singing mood - are you listening, Bill Hayes? - I'll sing "Letters - we get letters" - and we are absolutely swamped with requests for information. We're hoping to recruit some researchers so please be patient. Computers are wonderful but they do spew out an inordinate amount of mail!

Well - I've explained and complained but I must tell you that working here is so challenging and so satisfying that I enjoy each trek from Jane Lew to Jackson's Mill Road.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Gathering, if not before. Our latchstring is out six days a week, so ya'll come!

Cousin Raydine



All you dedicated volunteers and researchers **you are appreciated!** In a recent on line communication with Joy, Craig Wiseman wrote the following:

"I have been typing every nite for the last week, but only entered about 2% of the info we got over there in WV. Seems the most complete info on dates comes from the Cemetery Readings. The nice people that read and compile all those cemetery's should be awarded a Letter of Commendation for Information Management above and beyond the call of research."

HOW IS HCPD'S WEB SITE DOING?

"Hi there! I'm a journalist and publisher recently moved from Charleston to Martinsburg. I admire the way your site is promoted. It always rises to the top of any West Virginia-related or similar search I've done. (How'd you do that?) Your page is well-composed, too."

Topper Sherwood



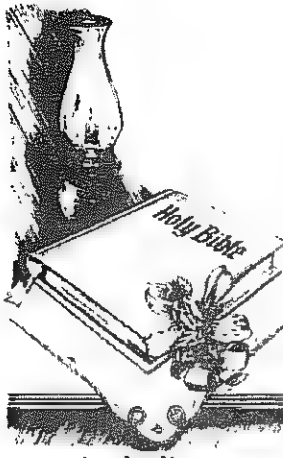
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1840 Lewis County, WV Census
indexed \$6.00

Also - we have really nice forest green baseball caps with the HCPD logo on them - \$7.00 plus \$2.00 Shipping/Handling. If ordered along with books the shipping is only 50 cents. Order form in back of journal.

Guardian Bond

When children 14 years or older become orphans they may request an individual to be their guardian. Children under 14 will have a guardian appointed by the court, usually the closest relative, or sometimes a close neighbor. The parents may still be living. For example, a grandparent leaves money to a grand child but does not appoint the parent as guardian. When the child becomes a legal adult or reached the age stated in the will or agreement, the estate is settled and the bond is null and void.



**Family Stories & Bible Records of Central West Virginia:
Extracts from Clarksburg Exponent
Telegram April through September, 1932**
compiled by Lolita A. Guthrie.

This volume contains all family (histories) stories and Bible records found in the paper during the months above mentioned. The Bible contest, which obviously was conducted by publisher Guy Tetrick during April of 1932, was called "Old Bible Contest." Through July, the Sunday issues continued to carry family information from the Bibles entered in the contest. In addition, there were interviews conducted with local eighty- and ninety-year-old citizens of 1932 including surviving Civil War Veterans. These are all contained in the 146 page, fully-indexed, soft-bound volume that is now being offered for sale at \$12 plus \$1.50 shipping and handling . Order Form at the back of this issue.

From examining some 1933 issues, Lolita learned that a second contest followed entitled "Old Bible Records Contest." While the "first prize" in the 1932 contest went to the owner of the oldest documented Bible, the 1933 contest prize was awarded for the Bible which contained the most records. Lolita has started work on Volume 2 which will begin in October and carry well into 1933. It will probably be sometime in late 1996 or early 1997 before it will be published.



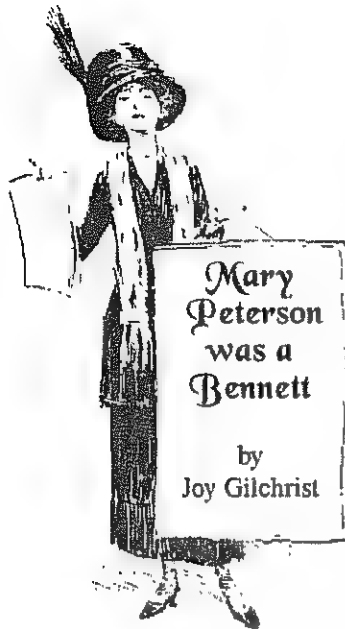
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The Sandusky County Kin Hunters, the local genealogy group has published and has available for sale the following books in regards to Sandusky Co. OH.

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1860 Landowners Atlas	\$25.00
Index to Wills, Estates & Guardianships 1820-1900	\$12.00
Sandusky County Ohio Civil War Soldiers	\$33.00

Check/money order to:

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A majestic monument in the old Hall or Vandalia Cemetery at Vandalia, Lewis County, West Virginia, claims that William Peterson (1762-1836) was the son of Lawrens and Nancy (Jones) Peterson. It names William's wife as Mary Bennett. Numerous descendants of William and Mary have struggled to join American Revolution heritage societies through the service of Mary's father, Joseph Bennett, by presenting photos of the tombstone as proof.

The applications have been returned. The "modern" gravestone, by itself, is not considered a primary source of information. The stone is "too new" and no documentation of the monument's source was presented with the application.¹

One descendant, Ann Brandli, refused to give up and continued to search for additional proof that Mary was the daughter of Joseph Bennett. During the spring of 1995, she visited the HCPD Library seeking any information that would add to her meager proofs. She left disappointed. No one had her answers. Although nearly every one of the older local² descendants of Mary knew her maiden name, there were no primary source documents (wills, deeds, birth or death records, census) to prove that Mary who married William Peterson was a Bennett, much less that she was the daughter of Revolutionary soldier Joseph Bennett.

Hank Jones, noted author of Physic Roots, claims that sometimes tough genealogy proofs are not forthcoming because the ancestor is not ready to be found. There are those who would say that this was the case with Mary. Others believe that it takes a total immersion in a family before a researcher can tie all the pieces together. This certainly was true with Mary. Now we know, unequivocally, that Mary was the daughter of Joseph Bennett, Revolutionary soldier, and we can prove it. Let me share the story with you.

Relationship More than Skin Deep

I don't ever remember not knowing members of the Peterson family. My grandparents' friends included several descendants of William and Mary Peterson. They were always there - for wakes and birthings and marryings. My grandparents and great-grandparents are buried in Peterson Cemetery at McGuire Park, Lewis County, West Virginia. Erlo Peterson and his wife, Lucy Jo, introduced my mother

¹ The tombstone was erected in 1972 with donations from family members, according to an article from the Weston Democrat of that year. The tombstone project was launched and carried to fruition by Willis Thorn Linger, a great-grandson of William and Mary (Bennett) Peterson and a grandson of Aaron D. and Lydia (Tolbert) Peterson. Mr. Linger was assisted by S.J. Peterson and his wife, Ruth (Gould) Peterson, editors of Genealogical Records and Sketches of the Descendents of Lawrens Peterson and Nancy Jones-Peterson. ...

²"Local" as used here means Central West Virginia.

and step-father. Herbert Peterson was principal when I attended Peterson School and several Petersons attended my home church, Stone Coal United Methodist Church.

It wasn't until I caught this dreaded disease, genealogy, that I learned that there was more to the connection between the Petersons and my family than friendship.

My first inkling that the relationship was *"more than skin-deep"* were two Bennett family group sheets that I received back in the early 1980s - one was from Mabel Scott, now deceased, and the other from Gene Bennett of Buckhannon. Both named Mary Bennett, wife of William Peterson, as a child of Joseph and Hannah (Starnes) Bennett. Both cited Oren Morton's History of Pendleton County, West Virginia, (published 1910) as a source. Neither, however, submitted primary proof of the claim.

Morton's Claim

Morton's History is not a primary source document because it was written too long after the events occurred and because it appears to be the result of interviews with various individuals who knew or were of the families mentioned. In addition, Mr. Morton made numerous mistakes in naming the family of Joseph Bennett; these mistakes can be proven by primary source documents.

He claimed Joseph Bennett was married to Hannah Sleason. This is probably an error. Considerable research by Nedra D. Brill, David Armstrong, and others seems to indicate that Hannah's maiden name was Starnes - not Sleason or Ellsworth.³

He stated that the children of Joseph and Hannah were: *"William who married Rebecca McCauley and moved to Lewis County in 1797; Jacob who married Rachel _____ and moved to Indiana; John who removed to Cincinnati; Mary E. who married Thomas Bennett in 1796; Sarah, wife of Thomas McCartney; Phoebe; Hannah who married Daniel Hacker in 1806; Elijah who married Barbara Bible."*

Several of these statements can be proven as errors at the date of this writing. Rebecca's maiden name was spelled McCally, although pronounced McCauley. Jacob married Rachel Davis in 1810 in Pendleton County, moved to Leatherbark Run, Lewis County, then to present-day Gilmer County where he died between 1850 and 1860. John married Sarah Raines and was still in Pendleton County in 1871. Sarah was the wife of Thomas McCartney and removed to present-day Lewis County. Hannah married Jonathan Hacker; while Jonathan's middle name might have been Daniel, there are no official records indicating that he had a middle name. Therefore, it is not hard to discount Morton's claim that Mary E. married Thomas Bennett rather than William Peterson.

1850 Lewis County Census

A study of the 1850 Lewis County census revealed that Aaron Peterson, grandson of William and Mary Peterson, lived next-door to my great-great

³Brill, Nedra D., Editor. Henckel Genealogical Bulletin. Vol. 23. Issue 1. Spring 1992.

grandparents, Noah Winemiller and his first wife, Mary Jane Plant, on Skin Creek in Lewis County, now West Virginia⁴. Coincidentally, Noah and Mary Jane named their eldest son Aaron. Or was it coincidence? Mary Jane's sister, Sarah Plant, was the first wife of Jesse Lawrence Peterson, son of William Bennett Peterson and Margaret (Lowther) Peterson and a grandson of William and Mary Peterson.

These numerous connections between the Petersons and my family aroused my curiosity. What other connections might there have been between them?

Interview with Herbert and Dorothy Peterson

When I began to research and write A Pictorial History of Old Lewis County: The Crossroads of Central West Virginia, it was only natural that I should interview Herbert and Dorothy Peterson because Mr. Peterson was one of the county's oldest and most knowledgeable citizens.

In the course of that interview, Mr. Peterson shared over one hundred letters written by and between his great-grandfather Aaron D. Peterson, his great-grandmother Lydia (Tolbert) Peterson, his grandfather David T. Peterson, his grandmother Marietta Jackson Peterson, a mysterious girl named Lilly M., and others. Most of them were dated in the 1860s. They revealed the life of the Peterson family during the Civil War while David T. served as an officer in Company D, Tenth West Virginia Infantry (Union), and Aaron served as a delegate from Lewis County to the First West Virginia Legislature in 1864.

Some of the letters had been transcribed from the ink-faded yellowed sheets to typewritten pages by Marilyn Peterson, wife of Mr. and Mrs. H. Peterson's son, Lowell, while she was a student at Glenville College; but many were not transcribed.

As I scanned the letters, I realized that a wonderful story of Civil War times in Lewis County would unfold with the transcription of all of them. Although the Petersons told me that the letters had been microfilmed and were on file at Colson Hall, West Virginia University, I asked permission to take them to the Central West Virginia Genealogy and History Library⁵ to photocopy them. Transcribing them from hard-copy would be much easier than from microfilm. Permission was granted and we photocopied the letters; then, except for using a couple of them when we wrote Crossroads, the letters were all but forgotten. . . until I started working on a history of the Fifteenth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.

History of the Fifteenth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry

When I started compiling data about the Fifteenth, I realized that John Jackson of Company D of the regiment was a brother to Marietta (Jackson) Peterson and that the Tenth West Virginia Infantry where David Peterson served was brigaded with the Fifteenth through most of 1864 and 1865. I unearthed the box of letters and began to transcribe them.

Many surprises were in store for me! Not only did the letters provide information about the Petersons and the war and Lewis County and the movements of the Tenth West Virginia, they told of John Jackson's death and burial as a war

⁴Cochran, Wes. 1850 Lewis County, West Virginia, Census, p. 76.

⁵a.k.a. HCPD Library

casualty, they told of seeing various soldiers from the Fifteenth, they talked of activities at French Creek and other locations in Upshur County, and they revealed that "Mr. Winemiller" brought the mail, that there was an "apple peeling" at Winemillers, and that Henry Winemiller's boys and Salathiel Winemiller were in David's regiment. Now the letters were a part of "my" family and they became very personal to me. I decided that I must find the identity of every person mentioned in them.

An In-Depth Study of the Peterson Family

I read and studied every document I could find about the Petersons. I visited the cemeteries where they were buried. I read We Will Know What War Is, The Civil War Diary of Sirene Buntin⁶; I visited with Virginia Bleigh Hoover, historian of French Creek; I talked with Upshur County historian Noel Tenney and Upshur County Civil War buffs Mike Phillips and Matt Gillespie. I must admit, however, that I did not read Genealogical Records and Sketches of the Descendents of Lawrens Peterson and Nancy Jones-Peterson, Who Planted the Family Tree in America before the Revolutionary War as thoroughly as I should have - even though I was fortunate to have my own personal copy and had read it about ten years ago. I skimmed it just as so many researchers do because I thought that I already knew what it had to say. How wrong I was!

Writing a Play

It seems to me that my "big" genealogical discoveries have generally been preceded by a bombardment of persons asking about a particular family - unsolicited letters, unsolicited phone calls, unsolicited personal inquiries, words that jump out of a page at me. (Maybe Hank Jones would say that the family is "ready" to be found.)

As I was completing the transcription of the Peterson letters, another organization, the Jackson's Mill Heritage Foundation,⁷ was searching for a play to produce. One day my husband said, "Why don't you write a play based on the letters? Susan and Bill (Hayes) made it work in *Love Letters*."

A writer I try to be, but I've never written a play and have little stage experience. Feeling insecure about undertaking such a project but believing it would work, I contacted one of our HCPD members who has playwriting experience, Otis Lowell Reed. He had written "*Border Story*", a story of our frontier ancestors. "*Border Story*" was produced in 1993 at Jackson's Mill as part of the 200th anniversary celebration of the construction of the McWhorter Cabin.

Otis read the transcription of the letters. He said that a play based on them was workable but that the letters were lacking some of the "connective tissue" to make them a good play and that it would require a lot more research. Unwilling to give up what I thought was a good idea and realizing that much of what Otis was looking for was in my brain but not down on paper, I decided to "give it a go" myself using my personal knowledge and let Otis "look over my shoulder." And, I had found

⁶Edited by Stephen Cresswell and published by West Virginia Wesleyan College Press in 1993.

⁷See article in H CJ, Vol. XIII, Iss. 2, p.83.

another source - for some reason, I decided to reread all of *Genealogical Records and Sketches of the Descendents of Lawrens Peterson and Nancy Jones-Peterson*. . .

Time passes swiftly and sometimes I lose track of it. So it is with the exact time in the calendar of these events that Ann Brandli appeared on the scene. I think it was while I was transcribing the letters; I know it was before I decided to reread the *Genealogical Records*. It might be that it was Ann's quest that spurred me to reread them or it might be that Otis' concern for written "connective tissue" caused me to open the pages again. Whatever the cause, the *Peterson Genealogical Records* certainly had an effect - on the play, on Ann's quest, on me!

Rereading Genealogical Records

I glanced through the first seven chapters of the book, pausing from time to time to read something that caught my eye. I began my "serious" reading with "Chapter Eight, Sketches and Letters." As I reread it now as I write this for you, I find the same chills running up and down my spine as when I first read it.

The first three pages of this chapter describe Mary Bennett Peterson and tell of her life and death. They offer proof of her parentage; but, apparently I'm thick-headed, for I didn't pick up on it - at least it didn't soak through my thick skull until several days later when I retyped it and inserted it in what I call *The Herbert Peterson Letters*⁸.

The sketch of *Mary Bennett Peterson* was written by Sarah Jane Peterson Casto, the oldest child of Aaron D. and Lydia (Tolbert) Peterson and the wife of Asahel Casto. Sarah was the eldest living great-grandchild of William and Mary (Bennett) Peterson at the time of its writing in 1924. She was born 16 December 1835, two years after her great-grandmother Mary Bennett Peterson died but two years prior to the death of her great-grandfather William Peterson; she died 10 August 1924, just months after writing the sketch.

It is likely that Sarah was fully cognizant of the facts she presented. A study of the letters presented in *Genealogical Records* together with the transcription of The Peterson letters reveals that the children of Aaron D. Peterson were well educated and were knowledgeable about their family connections. Of William and Mary (Bennett) Peterson, Sarah says:

" William Peterson. . . married Mary Bennett, sister of William Bennett, who died in 1856, at the age of 84 years, and upon whose headstone at Walkersville, West Virginia, is inscribed the fact that he had 249 lineal descendants. . .

"(William Peterson) was also sheriff of Lewis County in 1836 and 1837. His three nephews⁹, David Bennett, James Bennett and Jonnathan (sic) M. Bennett, were his deputies. . .

"Mary Bennett-Peterson was a fitting companion for her husband in his pioneer work. There being no doctors in all that large sparsely settled county in which they lived, the residents had to depend upon women nurses, and a large part of Mrs. Peterson's time was devoted to that kind of work, in

⁸The transcription of the Aaron and David T. Peterson letters, hereinafter referred to as The Peterson Letters.

⁹Sons of William and Rebecca (McCally) Bennett.

which she was very successful. One evening after one of her patients had about recovered, she told her that she would not be needed that night, and that she would walk over and spend the night with a sister¹⁰ who lived on an adjoining farm. Next day her lifeless body was found, covered with a light mantle of snow that had fallen during the night. Apparently, without a struggle, she had dropped dead from some kind of heart trouble. . ."

As I read further, I found several additional references to the parentage of Mary Bennett, but three really *jumped out* of the page at me. Although the arrangement of the book places them in a different order, I am quoting them chronologically.

The first is a letter written to David S. Peterson or Lemuel D. Peterson¹¹ from Linn County, Oregon, on 16 April 1848 from their brother, Henry J. Peterson. All were children of William and Mary (Bennett) Peterson. (See family group sheet.) Henry is referring to his children in the following excerpt.

"Asa is a small man. William is about the size of uncle Joseph Bennett, Marshall is nearly sixteen years old and is six feet high. Lydia is a common sized woman, Sarah is tall and in handsome proportions."

The second, a letter written from Little Skin Creek, Lewis County, (W.) Va., 20 June 1850, from William B. Peterson to Henry J. Peterson in Oregon begins with the salutation, "Dear Brother:-"; and, an excerpted paragraph reads:

"Uncle William Bennett is still living, Daniel R. Helmick is now a protestant Methodist Preacher of high distinction, he has been a traveling preacher. . ."

The third is written from Little Skin Creek, Lewis County, 7 July 1859 by Hanson M. Peterson, eighth child of William Bennett and Margaret (Lowther) Peterson,¹² to his uncle Henry J. Peterson. Proof that Henry was Hanson's uncle is in his salutation, "Dear Uncle:-" He says:

"Of your uncles, there are only two living, Jacob and Elijah Bennett and Aunt Hannah Hacker is your only aunt."

These three statements were proof to me that Mary Peterson was a Bennett by birth; but, still, they were not primary proof. There was still no court document to prove Mary's parentage.

Thinking and Driving

¹⁰Probably Sarah Bennett McCartney who d 25 Mar 1850 on Gladly Fork above Babylon, Lewis County, (W)V.

¹¹Lemuel's parents are named on his death record as it appears in the Lewis County, WV, court records and published as Lewis County Death Records, Volume I, compiled by Hartzel and Alan Strader in 1994, p. 84.

¹²Parents are named on the minister's return for Hanson's marriage to Mary J. Roach, 20 September 1855 in Lewis County, (W)V, as filed in the Lewis County Courthouse and in Lewis County Marriage Bonds, Book #7, p. 87, HCPD Library.

It's fifteen miles from home to the library. Some of my best thinking - and a lot of what I write - is done as I drive it twice each day. One day I was thinking about the Peterson play and the Peterson-Bennett connection when a thought hit me "*right between the eyes*." I had it! I could prove it! Would D.A.R. accept it??? As soon as I got to the library I called National Headquarters and explained it to them. Yes, if I wrote an explanation, it would work!

The Bennett Connection is Made

These three statements and one more document would prove that **Mary** was a **Bennett** and the daughter of **Joseph and Hannah**. And they gave researchers a bonus! They gave a name to a child known until this time as "**J. Bennett**."

There is but one way the Bennetts named could be uncles and aunt to **William Bennett Peterson and Henry J. Peterson**. They had to be siblings of **William Bennett's** and Henry's mother and of Hanson's grandmother.

There also had to be proof that the siblings, **Joseph, William, Elijah, and Jacob Bennett** and **Hannah Hacker**, were children of **Joseph and Hannah (Starnes) Bennett** and I had that. As I said earlier in this story, I am the third great-granddaughter of **Hannah (Bennett) Hacker**. I had submitted proof of her parentage to D.A.R. when I joined through the line of her father-in-law John Hacker. Hannah's parents are named on her death record of 9 April 1867 in Lewis County as **Joseph and Hannah Bennett**.¹³

Thus, we have it. **The Bennett Connection was made. Mary Peterson is a proven child of Joseph and Hannah (Starnes) Bennett.**

But what of the other children of Joseph and Hannah? Can they be proven with primary source documents? Several of us are working on it. Look for it in a future article in the old HCJ.

Has **Ann Brandli** qualified for D.A.R. yet? No. She still needs primary proof that **Ezekiel Peterson** was a son of **William and Mary**; and, in turn, that **Ezekiel** who married **Catherine Dolly** and died as he was returning home from the War of 1812, was the father of **Aaron D.** We're working on it. She'll get there - someday. The play? It's another of the several projects that are stored somewhere on my computer. I'll get it finished. . . eventually.

FAMILY OF WILLIAM AND MARY (BENNETT) PETERSON

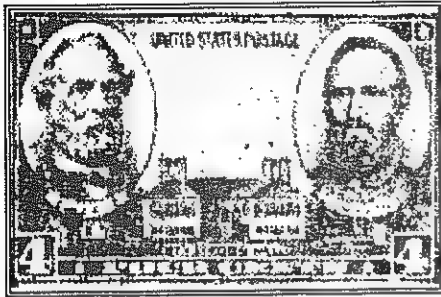
The children and identified spouses of **William and Mary (Bennett) Peterson** were: **Joseph** (never married); **John m. Elizabeth Smith**, d/o **Mark and Mary (Pence) Smith**, 23 Apr 1807 in Harrison Co, (W)V; **Susana 1/m Henry Smith**, s/o **Mark and Mary (Pence) Smith**, 3 Mar 1807 in Harrison Co, and 2/m **William Smith**; **Ezekiel m. Catherine Dolly** 19 Mar 1809 in Pendleton Co, (W)V; **William Bennett** (23 Feb 1794-25 Sep 1873) m **Margaret Lowther** (18 Feb 1796-18 Aug 1855); **Hannah**, 1/m 15 May 1822 in Lewis Co, (W)V, **Jacob Forinash** (d 16 Apr 1838) and 2/m **James McCardel**; **Henry J.** m 15 Feb 1821 in Lewis Co, **Eliza Allen**; **Sally** (25 Jan 1811-29 Apr 1855) m 4 Aug 1826 **William T. Smith** (4 Aug 1809 - 15 May 1899); **Lemuel D.** (22 Feb 1815-24 Apr 1879) 1/m **Emily Jane Washburn** and 2/m 24 Apr 1865 **Mary Ellen Corothers Summers**; **Mary** (d 1843) m **James Morrison**; **Lydia** 1/m ???? and 2/m **Adonigah Watson**; and **Abigail** (25 Jul 1810-10 Aug 1862) m **Felix Albert**.

¹³Strader, Hartzel, and Alan Strader. Lewis County Death Records. Volume I. p. 35.

STONEWALL TAKES HIS LICKS—AGAIN

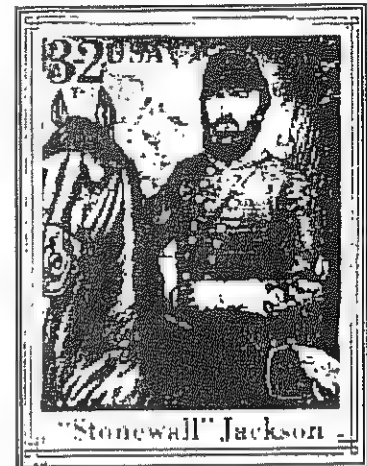
by John M. Jackson

When the U. S. Postal Service issued a "Stonewall" Jackson stamp as part of its Civil War set earlier this summer, it marked the *second* time the General has been so honored. In 1937, Jackson and Robert E. Lee were featured on a gray four-cent stamp as part of the military hero series. The generals' portraits flank a view of Stratford Hall. The portrait of Jackson was taken from an 1862 original



portrait by Ronntzohn of Winchester, Virginia.

Issued on March 24, 1937, the Lee-Jackson stamp was preceded by a bit of controversy. A previous stamp in the series had featured Union generals Sheridan and Sherman and had caused a mild uproar in the South, where Sherman and Sheridan were remembered bitterly. The South Carolina and Georgia legislatures protested vehemently against the stamp. The Postal Service hoped that the Lee-Jackson stamp would calm Southern tempers, although the stamp had actually been slated for production long before the controversy ever arose.



The current stamp, issued on June 29, 1995, features General Jackson atop his horse, Little Sorrel. Jackson is one of 16 prominent Civil War-era figures featured in the new set, which was designed by Mark Hess of Katonah, New York. Also depicted in the set are four of the war's most famous battles, including Chancellorsville, where Jackson was shot. Each stamp in the set includes a short note on its reverse, and General Jackson's reads as follows: "Confederate Lt. General Thomas Jonathan Jackson, 1824-1863. Nicknamed 'Stonewall' at First Manassas. Brilliant tactician in Shenandoah Valley Campaign. Fatally wounded by own men after routing Union right flank at Chancellorsville." (written in 1995)

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DODDRIDGE COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA CEMETERY RECORDS



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Things I Remember About Straight Run And The People I Knew When I Was Growing Up 1904-1910

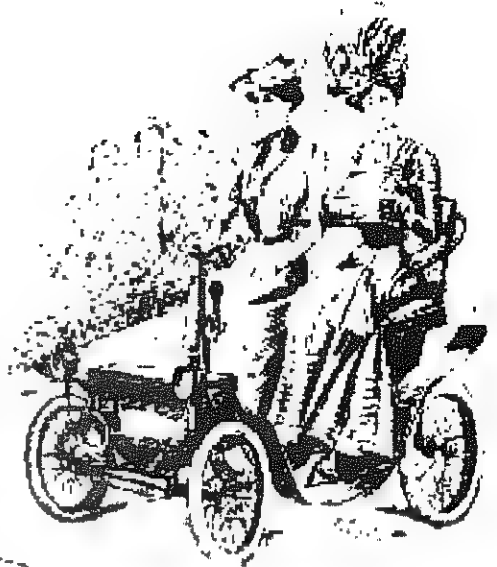
By Daisy Mae (Jones) McClain 1896-1989

Edited By Otis L. Reed

Daisy Mae Jones was born on Straight Run, Lewis County, West Virginia, the daughter of James and Emma Elizabeth (Lowther) Jones of that community. She spent all her early years there and then, on June 22, 1919, married Hoya Phillips McClain and (without ever having been to a town) moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She told many amusing stories regarding her need for maps when venturing to exotic places such as the grocery store.

Since we were both from Straight Run, I once asked her to write something about her early days there. And this is what she wrote.

Otis Reed



We will start with the Moneypenny family who lived in a wooded area at the top of the hill along a road which was used at that time to go to Weston.¹ The family consisted of the father and mother - who was almost blind. Oce - the older son, Ada and Dessie; and Harvey the younger son. Oce married Nora Means - a sister of Doc Means. Ada married Tom Griffin, a man much older than she was. He was a neighbor of theirs. Dessie married John White. She was quite young when she got married; and after some time her husband died. Dessie was a widow quite a while. She later married and moved to Ohio and is still living and is probably in the middle 80's. Dessie's son, Kenneth, died recently in his 60's. He had a glass specialty shop in Burnsville.

Coming down the road from Moneypennys, we can see Mr. Lafe Reed's big barn with its sheet metal roof on our right.² Mr. Reed lives near the foot of the hill on our left. They have a nice big home painted white. There is a path on our left as we come down the hill which leads to two houses a little

¹ In those days people all up and down Fink Creek, Walnut Fork and Straight Run journeyed to Weston by going north out the ridge road to Churchville. Now they commonly go to Vadis and cross the hill. The current route is seven miles longer, but offers good roads.

² In coming down the hill, Mrs. McClain has missed mentioning a log cabin located in a meadow to the west of the road. This was the home of John Calhoun and Cornelia (Starcher) Waggoner around the turn of the century. However, they moved away soon after an oil well was drilled on the property and might have been gone by 1904. There was also an old log house to the east and a log barn to the west of the road at the bottom of the hill. I can barely remember when my father (Orris Reed) and grandfather (Lafayette M. Reed) burned them in the early 1930's as being dangerous. Orris Reed donated the Waggoner house to Fort New Salem.

distance from Reeds (they were off the main road). Mr. and Mrs. George Rollins lived in one of these houses and their daughter, Ida, and her husband lived in the other. Ida married Judd Woofter. He was a big man about seven feet tall - not fat but just big.

Lafe Reed's father and mother lived in the Reed house. His father's name was Thornsberry and his mother's name was Huldah. Lafe married Adaline Rastle. They all lived together. Lafe and Adaline had three children, Orris, Ora, and Ottis . Ottis died in infancy.³

Mr. Reed raised beef cattle. He bought the cattle when they were about a year old and when they were two or three years old he sold them for beef. He had a lot of land so he could take care of a large number of cattle. He was a good business man and very successful. Mr. Reed's father had a horse named Dolly which he rode over the farm as often as necessary to check the springs making sure the cattle could get all of the water they wanted.

The next house down from Reed's was the Marsh home. Mr. Marshall Marsh and his wife, Kit, and a daughter, Bertha and son Charlie lived there. They had a nice home and a small farm. In later years Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gibson lived in the Marsh house. Their daughter, Hallie, married Orris Reed. Gibson's had two sons, Loren and Clovis.

The next house we come to on the road below the Gibson's is a fair-sized two story house painted white.⁴ Grandpa Lowther built the house and they lived in there. There was a nice level place along the road. It was located just below the turn off [to] the main road to go up the run to where my home was located. There was a gate on the side road. Grandpa Lowther owned several acres in the section where their house stood. Grandpa and Grandma Lowther had six boys and two girls. My mother had a sister, Dora, who died in infancy. Grandpa was a hard worker. He and some of the older boys were building a barn when he was stricken with severe pains in his abdomen. There was no doctor and no hospital he could go to for help. I do not know how long he lived but not long, I think. Years later the doctor some of the family talked to felt sure he died from a rupture appendix. I never saw Grandpa Lowther as he died in July and I was born in October. Grandma lived on in the house. Uncle Joe and his family lived in the house with Grandma since I could remember. She was a weaver. She had a big loom that filled up the room it was in. Grandma wove beautiful woolen blankets. She also wove rag carpet[s] for people. the rags were cut or torn into strips and sewn together and rolled into a big ball. Grandma used poke berries to color white rags; purple and black walnut hulls to make a burnt

³ Your editor was named for Ottis, but the name got misspelled on the birth certificate.

⁴ Now gone.

orange color to the rag carpet she made. There was a bank above the road where the gate was. My uncle, Robert Lowther had a little store there. I remember going to the store with some of the other children to buy stick candy. It tasted so good. There were two little streams coming down from two hollows. These streams became one a short distance up from Grandma Lowther's. At that time there was a small house which stood just above where the streams met. A family named Radcliff lived there at that time. It was on this same spot that Herbert and Orma (Jones) built a small house and lived there while our father was ill from cancer from which he never recovered. Herbert and Orma moved back to Weston after father died and my brother Fontz bought the old home place and mother moved down into the little house that Herbert built. Fontz and Madelene and the children only lived on the farm for maybe a year. He sold the farm to a Mr. Woofter and went back to work where he had worked before. The road and run on the right up about a half mile is where Uncle Robert Lowther lived. I do not remember if any one else lived up there or if there was only one house up there. When I was growing up there was a Protestant church just a little way below where Grandma Lowther lived. It was no longer used as a church an Will Lattea bought it and remodeled it and added some rooms and front and back porch. It was a very nice home. Will Lattea and Dora and their four children lived there for several years.⁵

The next house is just below the Lattea house. This was the Gooden house. This house was built and occupied by the Goodens. They had several children. After the Goodens moved Doc Means and his first wife and two girls moved in this house. Doc's wife Myrtle (White) died and a years or so later Doc married my oldest sister, Gertrude. She only lived two or three years. My sister, Nora, married Doc and they lived there for several years. Lafe Reed bought the house from the Goodens. The W. A. Means family left Straight Run when their son was about three years old. They first moved to Orlando and later Burnsville.

Olen Means married Nora Rastle. She was a sister to Orris Reed's mother. Olen and Nora lived in a little house a short distance below the Gooden house and on the other side of the road and across the creek in a field. As we go on down the road before we come to the school house we come to a small building on the right side of the road. This is a scales belonging to Mr. Reed and was used to weigh cattle and wool. The meadow (where the pumping station was built) belonged to Mr. Reed and was our play ground. We played prisoner base and many other similar games. The school

⁵ This remodeling was done by Lafayette M. Reed who was also a professional carpenter in his early days. It still stands and is still occupied.

house stood up on a bank above the road.⁶ The Liberty M.E. church is just a little way down the road from the school house. The Will McCutchan family lived in a real nice two story house back of the church and their son George and his family lived a short distance back of them up the hollow. Evangelistic services were held in the church for a week or two each winter. The practice was for the teacher and students to attend these services in a body (Mon. - Fri.). Our school day was opened with prayer and scripture reading by our teacher. These were the good old days when a teacher could whip a child if he needed it without fear of being arrested for cruelty. People seemed to respect and trust each other in those days.

As we go on down the road we come to the Will Means house on the right hand side of the road across the small creek. The house stood on a small knoll. Will Means and his family, they had two boys and two girls. Dawson was much younger than the rest of the family. The last I heard, Dawson was still living on Straight Run. Will Means was a brother to Doc Means. Grace was a sister to Verda (Lattea) West's mother. They were of the Sprouse family. Their brother Cal lived just a little way down the road from Will Means and across the creek. Cal's wife was named Blanch and was a sister to Zora Starcher's father.

The house where Nathan Lattea lives is back of the Sprouses a short distance. The house can be seen from the road. This Mr. Lattea was Verda West's grandfather. The family was much to be pitied as they had many handicaps. Mr Lattea was blind in one eye, his wife was completely sightless and they had a daughter, Grace, who was severely retarded. They had other children. I remember seeing the father and mother, Grace come to church. It was a sorry picture. There were two families - brothers John and Wade West who lived up the *run* from the Lattea home. My oldest brother married Wade West's oldest daughter.

Below the Cal Sprouse home, the Straight Run road goes up a hill and as we reach the top we can look down on a small home which is on the other side of the creek. A family named Ed Rollins and his family lived there. Ed is a brother to George Rollins and his wife is one of the Lattea Girls.

Coming down the hill and around a curve in the road we come to the Scott Means home. Scott and his large family live in a small house here. They had several children. One of the younger ones, Lucy, married Guy Lattea and lived near where my mother lived.⁷

Around the next curve in the road we come to the Mifflin (Mif) Starcher home. It is a small log house. Mif and his family, he had three daughters; Blanche Sprouse and Florence, who married Henry Sprouse, and

⁶ The schoolhouse has recently broken in two and is falling down the hill. An 1883 map shows a school there at that early date. The pump station mentioned earlier is gone.

⁷ They lived in the remodeled church mentioned earlier. They currently live at Jackson's Mill.

a daughter called *Sis*. Lum Starcher was his son. This was Zara's father. Lum and his family lived across the field from his father, *Mif*. In later years Dawson Means bought the Mif Starcher log cabin and remodeled it. They may still be living there.^{8,9}

As we continue on our way down to Hurst we find a sharp bend in the road and [go] down a steep hill a little way is the Dave Snyder house. Dave and his wife and two adopted children - Myrtle and Isaac - live there. His shop is just a little ways past the store at Hurst. The children grew up and got married. Mr. Snyder's wife died and later he married Hattie McCutchan.

There are two more houses but not along the road. First, as we near Hurst - the store - there is a small cemetery on our left. It was rather old and over-grown with weeds. The two graves that can be seen from the road; one of the monuments is my oldest sister, Gertrude Viola, who was married to Doc Means for a short few years. The other monument is for Doc's first wife, Myrtle (White) Means - Cora and Audra's mother.

The home of John R. Hurst and his family is down the hill from the cemetery. It is a big log house and is close to the road below the store.¹⁰ This is the road down to Vadis. The Hurst family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Hurst, a son - Roscoe, and a daughter. Mr. Hurst's brother, Ewel, lived with them. The house across from the Hursts is on a knoll is where the Chris Frymeyer family live. They had several children. Mr. Frymeyer's wife died. They had two children, Minnie and Lyde. There were several younger children.

The four families last mentioned were related. Lum Starcher's wife was a sister to Chris Frymeyer's wife and Dave Snyder's wife was a sister to John R. Hurst's wife.

There was a post office at Hurst at the time. It was located in a small building down a very steep hill. My cousin, Clark Lowther, was the Post Master.

This is a story of Straight Run and the people who lived there when I was growing up. I hope it will not be a disappointment to any of you. It is not intended to be *glamorous*, just plain as I remember it.

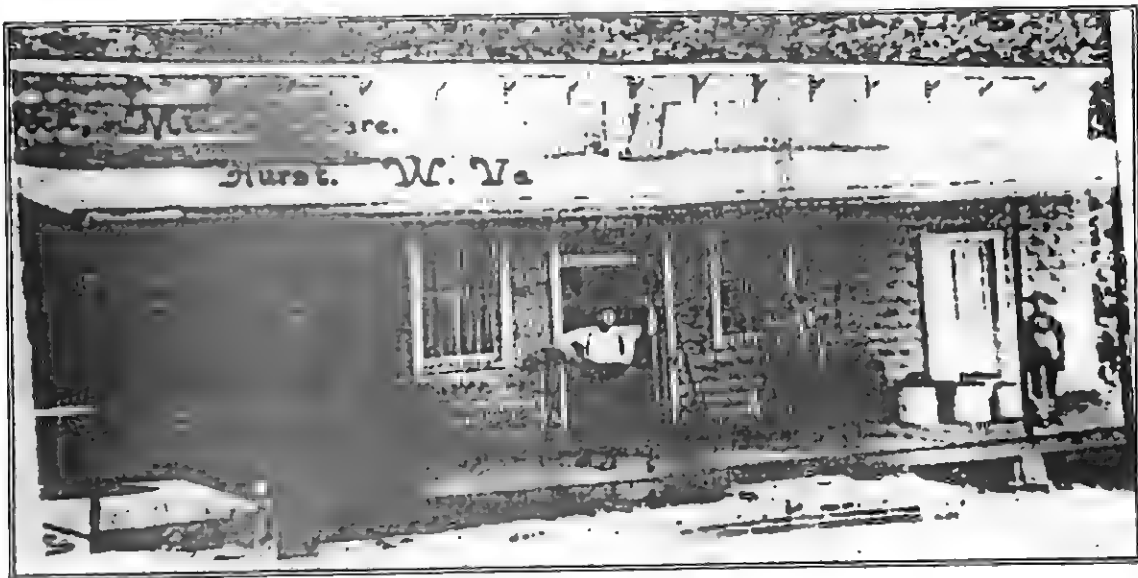
⁸ It is hard to follow the discussion here. Before arriving at the Mif Starcher home one passes another dwelling located east of the creek as it parallels the road. This is a much-modified log structure and in my time was the home of Noah and Cecilia Wiseman. Was this the Lum Starcher house? I think not. I believe he dwelled in a small frame house not mentioned by the writer, also beside the creek, downstream of his father's home.

⁹ They are.

¹⁰ The Hursts were, of course, the first settlers in that community. The house being discussed was probably the one built by John Hurst in the spring of 1815. I believe he got the land as a grant for a service in the War of 1812. See Edward C. Smith, *A History of Lewis County, West Virginia*, 1920, p. 148.



Daisy Mae Jones was a student at Straight Run Grade School when this picture was made about 1912. Those about her were the children of many mentioned in her memoirs.



This is the Doc Means store at Hurst. Doc is the man in the white shirt. Beside him is Lafayette Marion Reed, who built the store and is discussed in these memoirs as a farmer and a carpenter. The boy is unidentified.

Old Letters Purchased At Auction

submitted by Annarose Sleeth Bowers



The following two letters are now in the possession of Dr. John E. Beane of Parkersburg, WV. He purchased them in New York at an auction and gave copies of them to James Riker Sleeth, Jr. of Pullman, WV in March of 1993.

The letters do not have any periods at the end of the sentences instead at times there are dashes. Also the sentences do not begin with capital letters. Capital letters are used in other parts of the letters. I have copied the letters as they appear. Where I have placed a question mark in parentheses I was not sure of the preceding word. Where a question mark appears alone, I could not guess at the word used. The words used and the contents indicate that the writer was an educated man. I have tried to use the spelling of the writer.

LETTER ONE

McWhorter Mills Lewis County VA 20 April 1840

Dear Sir- after informing you that we are enjoying good health at present - I have the painful task of informing you of the death of our dear little daughter Mary Jane - she died on the 15th of January last with the puteryfied sore throat- a disease that has been fatal in this region of country (aged 2 years 8 months) it has been the lot of but few paretns so reluctantly to yeild to the dispensation of providence

Ann Elizabeth our oldest child was taken with the same disease but recovered - we have been looking for a letter from you to let us know when some of our friend from your state would be through on their way to Giles

We received a letter from Philip Lybrook a few days since he says our friends of Giles are generally well and that he expected some of you in this spring and desired that Nancy and myself would also come to Giles-we have determined to go some time during the summer- time is precious with us but- perhaps we will not at any time of our lives have a more convienient time as I have a tenant on my farm this season- and as yet not doing so much in my tanyard but what I can leave it in the summer season

We have had an extremely hard winter- the deepest snow and layed on the ground longer than any in the remembrance of the people- not withstanding our stock looks well- better than usual from the fact that grain hay was very plentiful- nothing complained of so much as the scarcity of money.

Our Whig neighbors charge this to the administration of general goverment and many of the Van Buran men is going to Harrison there is a greater excitment relative to our county delegates and presidential election than has ever been manifested heretofore in this section of country- our election is next Thursday (23 Instant) I belive this county will elect a Whig- althought heretofore an administration county.

We would be extremely happy if you would come to this county and go with us to Giles about the first of August next- time is given us for pleasure as well as business0 if we wait for a convienient time probable that time will never come- I expect that after this coming summer to be closely engaged at the tannery business- I lately made a good sale of land- except I had to sell on credit- I have sold fifteen

hundred dollars worth of land- the first payment of \$300 is payable on the first day of October next- then the balance in annual payments of three hundred dollars

please write to us often- hoping these may find you with the rest of our friends in Michigan in good health.

Yours very Respectfully-

D. W. Sleeth

The envelope was addressed to Henley C. Lybrook, ESQU Cassapoli, Cass County, Michigan.

The following letter was mailed at Lost Creek on April 27th and in the right hand corner is 25, apparently the cost of mailing. This was before stamps were invented.

A second letter was sent to the same person and it was mailed from Clarksburg.

LETTER TWO

McWhorters Mills Lewis Co VA 9 October 1840

Dear Sir Your kind letter of the 27th June was received about the middle of July- and we were sorry that you had declined coming to Virginia doing the present year we would have been glad to have accompanied some of our Michigan friends to Giles- but being compelled that if we went at all we must go this present season- we therfore left for Giles on the 25th Aug and returned on the 21st Sept we had truly a pleasant journey- found all our friends well except Philip Lybrook who has been ailing for some time but was gettin better- when I say we found all our friends well I mean all that now libing many have died in the short space of six years since we was at Giles- The estate of Father Lybrooks I suppose will be settle up nearly to the satisfaction of all parties- The executor settled \$160 dollars with each heir out of the last division of the Will- retaining in their hands about \$400 until the estate is fully settled up

The eighty dollars that was said that I owed the estate I alowed- altho it was a volunteer act of mine- as the old gentleman wrote to me which letter is yet in my possession that he had sold his home place and was able to pay all his debts and that I did not owe him a cent- this letter I belive is dated a few days after he made his Will- The old man valued the property that I got of him at \$300 (Samsan was then only 10 or 11 years old) and I paid him at that time \$42 which would leave a balance of \$258 according to his own evaluation- and he willed special legacies to some others of \$250 - which is a strong circumstance that he did not intend me to allow this sum.

I have been thus perticular that things might be properly understood - as Philip said that I got at least one third of the whole estate- it is true that samsan is worth more now yet I am entitled to the increase in value for the ? of loss.

You said in your letter that you rejoiced to find in my letter that I was a Democrat- what I had said that you came to that conclusion I know not- as I have been a strong supporter of Harrison ever since he was in nomination- I used to be a warm supporter of Andrew Jackson- but left him or his party left me- I did intend

when I commenced this letter to give you a political letter to justify my course and party - and to condemn the administration as being anti Republic in the extreme - but I have not space to go into a detail - I saw and witnessed so much corruption in the party stiled(?) Democrats under Jackson administration (while I was a mail contractor) that I could not be a friend to my country if I remained with the party - really I can scarcely refrain from bringing to your view the abuse of Republican principles - but I will let the question rest with American people Virginia will go for Harrison

We are well and gliding along with time smoothly - we will be considerably disappointed if you should decline coming to Virginia next spring - I am thankful to you for sending me the Loco Loco - I am not so strong a party man but what I am willing to read both sides and when I pursue the papers carefully I hand it over to some of my neighbors

please inform us how you and our Michigan Friends are Hoping that you have been favored with health & the present season through your region of the country.

I remain your with esteem

D. W. Sleeth

D. W. Sleeth was David Wallace Sleeth, son of David Wallace Sleeth and Catherine Carpenter Sleeth and was about their fourth child. He was probably born in Harrison County, Virginia on 25 December 1796 and died in Ritchie County 5 July 1851. He is buried in the Smithville cemetery in Ritchie County.

Nancy Lybrook of Giles County, Virginia married the writer of these two letters in May of 1838. She died 17 Sept. 1842 (just two years after these letters were written). At that time her husband was Sheriff of Lewis County, VA. Nancy was buried in the old stoney churchyard where her daughter Mary Jane had been buried. This may be the present Harmony Methodist Church cemetery.

Giles County is still a county in Virginia. It was formed in 1806 from Tazewell/Monroe/Montgomery counties. Giles County adjoins present day Mercer, Summers and Monroe counties of WV. In 1840 Giles County also included what is now Bland and Craig counties, VA. I am not sure which area the "friends in Giles" lived in 1840.

Cass County, Michigan was formed in 1829 from what was then unorganized land. The county seat is Cassopolis. The court house address is 120 N. Broadway, Cassopolis 49013. The county adjoins St. Joseph County, Michigan which is just south of Kalamazoo County, Michigan. Cass County is just north of Elkhart County, Indiana.

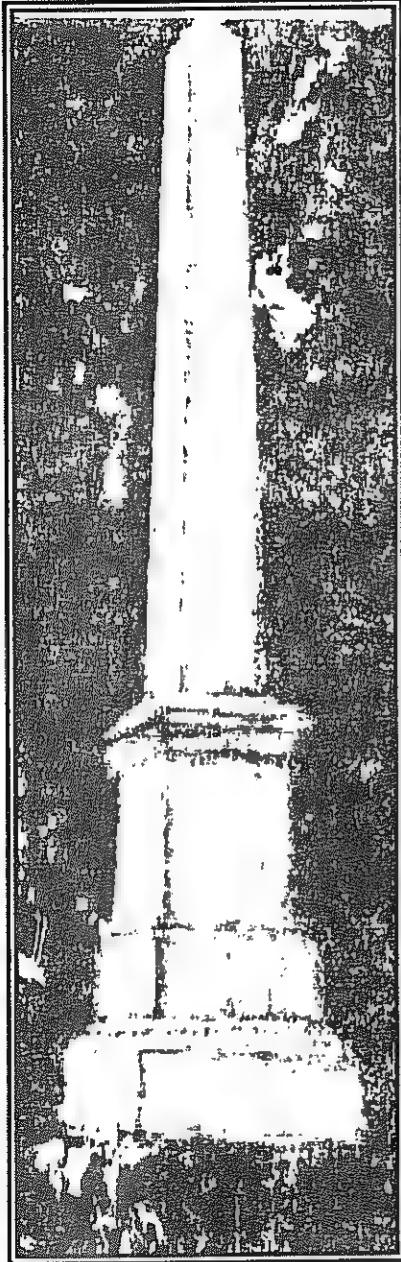
Harrison referred to in the letters is William Henry Harrison who was the ninth President of the United States. He and John Tyler, Vice President, were elected as members of the Whig party. This party existed from the mid 1830's to the mid 1850's. The party of Andrew Jackson, also referred to in the letters was the Democratic-Republican party. It later dropped the Republican part of the name.

Annarose Sleeth Bowers

15 April 1993

JACKSON CEMETERY

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA



**Tombstone of
Jacob and Mary Jackson
and Family
Jackson Cemetery
Terre Haute, IN**

In 1974, as part of her studies at Indiana State University, Tamara Chaney became interested in a pioneer cemetery in Terre Haute which was established around 1830. Located on Maple Avenue, north of Fruitridge, east of the old Tumpane picnic grounds was the old Jackson Cemetery.¹¹

Cemetery Commission Adds Data to Old Vigo Burials

by Dorothy Clark
Tribune Woman's Editor

Cemeteries were established in Vigo County as early as 1811 (at Fort Harrison), but it was not until the 1930's that a major effort was made to record the locations of all these pioneer graveyards.

The Fort Harrison Chapter DAR members and the late A. R. Markle took on the job of copying tombstone inscriptions and mapping out the locations and legal descriptions of the old burials. The completed work was compiled into a volume placed in the public and historical society libraries.

The Vigo County Cemetery Commission has been slowly adding to the information gathered forty years ago, and several changes and additions have been made.

In 1959, information came from Mrs. Raymond H. (Sandra) Johnston about a cemetery located directly east of the former Tumpane picnic grounds on land behind the Johnston's home in dense woods. She had spotted a large fence with the gate inscribed "Jackson Cemetery --1870". She believed the marked graves outside the fence were not members of the Jackson family.

¹¹Jane Foulkes research, Terre Haute, IN, newspaper article, "Tribune-Star", Terre Haute, IN, Sunday, July 21, 1974. (hereafter: JFR)

Just recently, an ISU student majoring in history, Miss Tamara Chaney, became interested in the old graveyard in the northeastern section of Harrison township, and carefully copied all tombstone inscriptions in the Jackson cemetery.

She researched the land records and abstract for the property and found that **Samuel Jackson** deeded the land involved to **Jacob Jackson** in 1830. The administrators of Samuel's estate in 1842 were **Jacob, John R. and Henry.**

The earliest burial that was still marked with a tombstone was that of **Louisa wife of J. R. Jackson**, who died June 11, 1831, aged 31 years. Their three month old daughter, **Louisa V.**, was buried with the mother.

The large Jackson monument marks the graves of **Jacob Jackson** and his wife **Mary** (both were born in 1809, died in 1876, at the age of 67 years) and their six children recorded as **Barbara A.** 1832, aged 2 months, **L. Emeline**, 1834 - 1851, aged 18 years; **Mary C.**, 1837-1852, aged 15 years; **L. D.** 1839- 1872, aged 33 years; **Jacob R.**, 1841-1870, aged 29 years; and **Addie** 1845-1852, aged 7 years.

When Jacob died in 1876, his heirs were **Caroline Preston**, wife of **Irving V. Preston**; **Emeline Armstrong**, wife of **William P.**, and **Jacob Jackson**, a minor child.

The relationship to the Jackson family, if any, remains unknown of Andrew Keys whose tombstone tells of his death in 1863, aged 28, "in the service of his country."

Contemporaries of the Jackson children were William Henderson whose stone is inscribed: "Died Nov. 1, 1870, aged 39 years. Beloved husband thou hast left me, But 'tis God that hast bereft us, He all our sorrows can heal," and Oren Henderson who died Sept. 1841, aged 13 years. Their relationship, if any, to the Jackson clan is also unknown.

One stone has only one legible name "**Rebecca**" while another footstone has initials "**J.W.N.**" Two stones are broken off with their inscriptions completely weathered away.



Samuel Jackson was born on 10 Dec. 1772, probably in Hardy Co., (W)V. He was the 7th child of **John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson**. On Nov. 7, 1793, in Harrison Co., (W)V he married **Barbary Reger**, the daughter of **Jacob and Barbara Crites Reger**. She was his only wife.¹² Barbary was born on 10 Dec. 1775 on the South Branch of the Potomac, Hardy Co., (W)V. She died on 26 Oct. 1838 nr. Terre Haute, Vigo Co., IN.

Early land and tax records reveal that Barbary and Samuel lived in Wood Co., (W)V before moving to Terre Haute, Vigo Co., IN around 1825.

¹²There were two Samuel Jackson's living in Harrison Co., at the same time. This Samuel was married only once, to Barbary Reger.

3. **Mary C.** b. 31 Aug. 1837 Vigo Co., IN; d. 13 Jun 1852 Vigo Co., IN; bur. Jackson Family Cemetery.

4. **Leonard D.** b. 26 Oct 1839 Vigo Co., IN; d. 17 May 1872 Vigo Co., IN; m. **Nellie Marden**. Leonard and Nellie had on known child, **Jacob Jackson** who married a **Miss Hobson**. They had a daughter **Nellie Marden Jackson**.

5. **Caroline E.** b. 16 Aug. 1842 Vigo Co., IN; d. 7 Aug. 1923 Terre Haute, Vigo Co., IN; m. 27 Aug. 1863 Waupun, WI **Irving Volney Preston** b. 21 Jul 1837 Herkimer Co., NY; d. 21 Oct 1910 Terre Haute, s/o Volney & Martha Johnson Preston; both bur. Highland Lawn Cemetery, Vigo Co., IN.²⁸

Caroline Preston was a member of the DAR and an active worker at the First Congregational church up until the time of her death at age 81. Her obit reveals she had a "charming personality" and was loved by all with whom she made contact.²⁹

Her husband, Irving Preston received his early education in the public schools of Richfield Springs, NY. In 1852 he went to Waupun, WI where he was a clerk in a general store until 1861. At this time he began a drug and grocery business. In 1863 he married Caroline Jackson and the next year he sold his business and left WI settling in Vigo Co., IN. Here he embarked in the farming and dairying business.

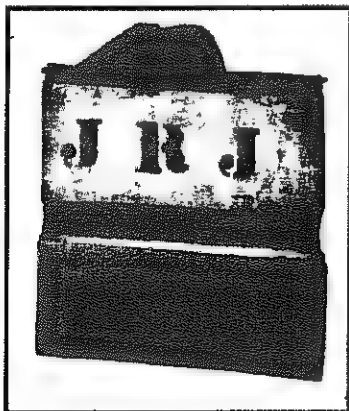
Caroline and Irving had four children, 3 daughter and one son.

a.) **Gertrude Preston** b. 7 Apr. 1869 Waupun, Dodge Co., WI; d. 28 Nov. 1944 Vigo Co., IN; m. 1) 17 Mar. 1887 **Herman Hulman Jr.** Cinn. OH; m. 2) 30 Aug. 1924 **Walter G. Palmer**. Gertrude is buried in the Hulman Plot of Calvary Hill Cem., Vigo Co., IN.

b.) **Mary Preston** b. 24 Sep. 1874 Waupun, Dodge Co., WI; d. 02 Jan. 1944/46; m. 5 Oct. 1897 Vigo Co., IN; **Frank M. Ryan** b. 9 Nov. 1870; d. 17 Mar. 1928 Vigo Co., IN; s/o Peter J. Ryan; Both bur. Calvary Hill Cem. Vigo Co., IN. Five children.

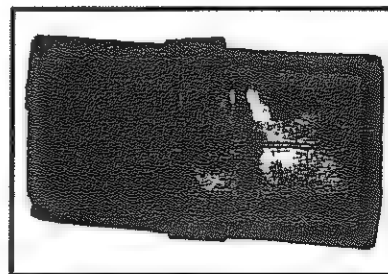
6. **Jacob R.** b. 25 May 1847 Vigo Co., IN; d. 13 Mar. 1870 Dodge Co., WI.³⁰ His burial place is unknown although his name is engraved on the large stone in the Jackson Cemetery.

7. **Emmaline L. "Emme"** b. 26 May 1852 Vigo Co., IN; d. 7 Aug. 1893 Dodge Co., WI.³¹ Emma married **William Armstrong**.



Wallet which once belonged
to Jacob R. Jackson 1809-1876

courtesy Mrs. Jane Foulkes



²⁸Jane Foulkes Research (hereafter JFR)

²⁹"Terre Haute Tribune", 5 Aug. 1925.

³⁰JFR: 1870 Mortality schedule, Waupun, Dodge Co., WI.

³¹JFR: dates from granddaughter Caroline Woods, Menlo Park, CA.

To the Editors
of the Democrat:

I propose with your permission to write a short sketch of my early recollections of the town of Weston, giving a description of the appearance of the town as it presented itself to a boy of sixteen years of age; also a short sketch of the most prominent individuals, both male and female; the progress of the town in the way of improvements from year to year, and the social and political events as they occurred from time to time, thinking that a short article of this kind each week in your valuable paper might prove interesting to many readers.

An Old Citizen

The friends of The Democrat will doubtless be pleased to read the above announcement. Such a series of articles as the writer contemplates will certainly be of great interest and afford much valuable historical information. The paper will appear next week.
[Eds.]

Weston Democrat 23 Jan. 1892

EARLY RECOLLECTIONS

OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

**An Old Citizen Relates an Interesting Story of
the Town and Recalls Many Incidents and
Events of By Gone Happy Days**

Time Changes All Things

Written for The Democrat

In compliance with a promise which I made to you when I delivered the introduction to the series of articles which I propose to write for your paper, I now commence by saying that I arrived in the town of Weston on the 20th day of June, 1844. I found the town to contain a population of about three hundred souls, all told. It boasted of two first-class hotels, and for that day I have no hesitancy in saying they were first-class. The one situated at the head of Main street, known as the Bland Hotel, was owned and conducted by Major Thomas Bland, and I soon learned that it was headquarters for the Democracy of Weston and the surrounding country. Major Bland was a sterling Democrat and had made for himself, by his energy and seal in the cause of Jeffersonian Democracy, a State reputation, having represented Lewis county in the Legislature of Virginia on more than one occasion. He owned the flouring mill, and also a saw mill attached, which he run in connection with the hotel. He was a man of great energy and perseverance and when he undertook to accomplish a certain thing he let no obstacle stand in his way, even to electing his friend to an office, provided he was a Simon-pure Democrat.

The other hotel was situated on the Greenstein corner and was conducted by Major Minter Bailey who was a staunch Whig, and it did not take an observant boy long to learn that it was headquarters for the Whigs. Major Bailey was a sterling man-kind, generous and charitable to a fault. He was a large and very fleshy man, weighing some

- *Harrison Co. WV Deed Bk:5, p. 247, Samuel Jackson and wife, Barbara, sell 65 acres adjacent to Jackson to Joel Martin, Peck's Run.*¹³
- *Harrison Co., WV Deed Bk:9, p. 193, John Reager, Abraham Reager, and Samuel Jackson of Harrison County, sell all right and claim they have in tract on Second Big Run, a drain of Buckhannon River, part of a tract granted to Jacob Reager, deceased, 1786 for 400 acres. Sell 249 acres, recorded Apr. 1810.*
- *Harrison Co., WV Deed Bk:8, p. 80, Samuel Jackson and wife, Barbara, of Wood Co., sell to Elijah Reece of Harrison Co., for \$600, 200 acre tract where Reece lives.*
- *Harrison Co., WV Deed Bk:8, p. 78, Samuel Jackson and wife, Barbara, of Wood Co., and Henry Jackson of Randolph Co., sell to Joel Martin for \$200, 146 acres on banks of Pecks Run. Henry's wife is Mary. Wives are mentioned in the deed, but only the husbands signed. Acknowledged and recorded June term of court, 1808.*
- *Wood Co., WV Grantee Deed Bk:4, p. 149, Samuel Jackson purchased from Jacob Blechen, staff et al, on 01 Mar. 1809., 86 acres on Little Kanawha River.*
- *The Lewis County tax records show Samuel Jackson of Wood Co., WV paying taxes in 1817 on 1150 acres on Peck's Run, located 22 miles from the courthouse.*¹⁴ *He paid \$4.32 tax.*
- *From 1821-1824, Samuel Jackson of Wood Co., WV paid taxes on 100 acres on Peck's Run.*
- *Wood Co., Grantor Deed Bk:5 p. 431, On 26 Dec., 1818, Samuel Jackson and Barbara his wife sold 86 A on Little Kanawha River to Peter Hannamon. Barbara signed with her mark.*
- *In 1825, in Lewis Co., WV, Samuel Jackson of Indiana paid taxes on 100 a. on Peck's Run, 22 miles from the courthouse.*

Records indicate that Samuel and Barbary had at least six children, 5 sons and 1 daughter. Mrs N. W. Lutz author *The Crites History*, and Roy Bird Cook author of *Family and Early Life of Stonewall Jackson*, list William Crawford Jackson as a son and last child of Samuel and Barbary. Jane Foulkes of Terre Haute, IN, who has done extensive research in her city and in other states where this family resided has been unable to locate information concerning this William.¹⁵

1. **Isaac Jackson** b. 3 Aug. 1794 prob. Randolph Co., (W)V.; d. 9 Jan. 1852 Jasper Co., MO;¹⁶ m. 9 Aug. 1821 **Elizabeth Griffith**, Greene Co., IN; b. 31 Aug. 1802; d. 19 Jun. 1871 Jasper Co., MO; both probably bur: 1 and 3/10 miles east and 1/3 mile south of Smithfield, Jasper Co., MO.¹⁷

¹³This is in present day Upshur County.

¹⁴The Lewis County courthouse is located in Weston, WV. Peck's Run is north of Buckhannon in Upshur Co., WV.

¹⁵Personal visit with Jane Foulkes, March 1992.

¹⁶JFR, death date came from descendant Mrs. Russell Garber.

¹⁷JFR and Carl D. W. Hays notes, typed copy from John C. Jackson, (hereafter: Hays).

2. **Henry Jackson** b. 24 Jan. 1875 Harrison Co., (W)V; d. 10 Oct. 1864 Owen Co., IN, age 69y 8m 16d; m. 29 Aug. 1824 **Nancy Dyer\Dyar** Greene Co., IN; b. 11 Apr. 1795; d. 9 Jul. 1874 Owen Co., IN, age 80y 2m 25d; both buried private plot 4 miles SE of Freedom, IN.¹⁸
3. **Mary "Polly" Jackson** b. 1 Dec. 1797, d. 13 Jan. 1880 Vigo Co., IN; m. 31 Aug/3 Sept. 1820 **Leonard Brake**, Harrison Co., (W)V; b. 28 Oct. 1792 pr. Hardy Co., (W)V, s/o John and Katherine (Shook) Brake, d. 28 Mar. 1875 Vigo Co., IN; both buried Highland Lawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, IN.¹⁹
4. **John Reger Jackson** b. 19 Dec. 1800 Randolph Co., /now Upshur (W)V d. 14 Dec. 1854-3 Apr. 1855 Muscatine, IA;²⁰ m. 1823 **Louisa Vaughan**, d/o Luke Vaughan,²¹ d. 11 Jun. 1831 Lost Creek Twp., Vigo Co., IN, age 31. Louisa bur. Jackson Family Cemetery on private property, Vigo Co., IN.²²
5. **Joel Jackson** b. 3 Apr. 1807;²³ d. 23 Mar. 1843 Newton Co., MO;²⁴ m. 2 Sept. 1830 **Rebecca Bozarth** Carroll Co., IN; b. 1807, d/o John and Annie (Reger) Bozarth²⁵
6. **Jacob R. Jackson** b. 14 Feb. 1809 prob. Wood Co., (W)V; d. 18 Aug. 1876 Vigo Co., IN; m. 23 Jan. 1832 **Mary Donnelly**, Vigo Co., IN, d/o Robert and Frances Donnelly; b. 13 Aug. 1809 Wilkes Co., NC; d. 1 Nov. 1876 Vigo Co., IN; both bur. Jackson Cemetery:²⁶

1850 Vigo Co., IN, Harrison Twp., 23 Sept. ae 41 property value \$1170.

1860, Jacob Jackson, ae 51 was living in Waupan Village, South Ward, Dodge Co., WI.²⁷ His personal property was valued at real estate \$68,000, personal property \$6000.

Family of Jacob R. Jackson and Mary Donnelly

1. **Barbara A.** b. 16 Oct. 1832 Vigo Co., IN; d. 16 Dec. 1832 Vigo Co., IN; bur. Jackson Family Cemetery.
2. **L. Emeline** b. 26 Jun 1834 Vigo Co., IN; d. 23 Jan 1851 Vigo Co., IN; bur. Jackson Family Cemetery.

¹⁸JFR, Henry and Nancy death dates from tombstones, m. record Greene Co., courthouse, cemetery located near Vilas on Ray Hendricks farm, stones in good shape, cemetery uncared for, 1850 Owen Co., Franklin Twp. Census.

¹⁹Leonard and Mary originally interred in unknown cemetery possibly on home property. Office records do not reveal where bodies were brought from.

²⁰JFR, Hays pinpoints the deathdate: 16 Dec. 1854.

²¹Blanchards *History of Clay and Owen Co., IN*, p. 759, JFR

²²JFR, deposition in Samuel Jackson's estate settlement, 11 Jul. 1844, Vigo Co., IN Probate Box 261, given by Jacob Jackson states that John R. and Joel are his brothers.

²³Hays

²⁴JFR

²⁵Ibid: Joel and Rebecca were first cousins, their mother were sisters. 1850 Marion Twp., Newton Co., MO, census. Hays: The Jackson family lived on Silver Creek between Redings Mill and Thurman, Newton Co., MO, circa 3 miles s/e of Joplin, Jasper Co., MO. Rebecca married a second time to a Mr. Davis.

²⁶JFR: 1850 Vigo Co., Harrison Twp., IN census, 1860 Waupan, Dodge Co., WI census, typed copy of early Vigo County marriages, Vigo County Public Library, Terre Haute, IN.

²⁷Vol. 3, p. 39

240 pounds. He transacted the business of County Surveyor in connection with running the hotel, and right here I will say that the position of County Surveyor at that time was a very lucrative as well as a laborious one. I have known Major Bailey to be absent for three and four weeks at a time, engaged in surveying large tracts of land for Eastern owners.

The town only contained two dry goods stores at that time. One was owned and controlled by the late Squire Weeden Hoffman and R. P. Camden, known as the firm of Hoffman & Camden. It was situated where W. L. Dunnington's store now stands and was a story and a half building, about 18 feet wide by 36 long. It was the principal store of the county and did an immense business for that day. Charles Flesher was the principal clerk and sold large quantities of coffee, calico and other articles and received in return for the same such produce as tow, flax, linen, ginseng, & c. The farmers of that day raised great quantities of flax, from which their good wives and daughters manufactured nearly all their wearing apparel, even their sheets, pillow slips, table cloths and towels. A farmer would almost as soon think of doing without a corn patch as a flax patch. Permit me before passing to another subject to say something of my recollections of Squire Hoffman, one of the proprietors of the store of which I have been writing about. At that time he did not reside in the town, having removed some time before to his large grazing farm on Murphy's Creek. He carried on farming extensively, owning several farms in various parts of the county in connection with his partner, R. P.

Camden. He was a member of the County Court and an man of prominence both as a business man and politician. In politics he was an uncompromising Whig, and he had made a State reputation, having represented the county in the Legislature prior to the year 1844. He was a man of great foresight -- a profound thinker and a very successful business man, having accumulated a large fortune.

The other store was situated on the Troxell corner and was owned by a Jew by the name of Hartman, who resided in Clarksburg. He afterwards moved to Baltimore and opened a wholesale clothing store. No doubt some of our merchants have bought bills of clothing from the large, fat Jew. His clerk, while selling goods here, was John Emmeltree, but he went by the name of "Dutch John" and was the greatest laughter in the town. In the fall of that year Mr. Hartman moved his goods back to Clarksburg.

The mercantile business received quite a boom that fall. Two gentlemen from near Winchester, Virginia, by the names of Joseph Darlington and Thomas Wood, brought a stock of goods to the town and located on the corner where T. G. Dawson's imposing saloon now stands. Henry H. Withers also opened a large stock of dry goods and groceries in the building which Mr. Hartman had vacated. Col. Addison McLaughlin, C. S. Hurley and Daniel Hurley opened up a store in the old tin shop that was situated on the Edmiston lot. They started the first saloon that was ever in the town. They divided the room by a partition -- the store in one end and the saloon in the other. They

were good business men and sold a great many goods.

It will be remembered that there was but one turnpike road entering Weston at that time of which I write, that was that portion of the Staunton and Parkersburg road leading from Weston to Parkersburg, a distance of 84 miles. All other roads entering the town were the common country roads, and you can well believe that they were very common indeed. That portion of the Staunton and Parkersburg road laying between Weston and Beverly in Randolph county, containing 46 miles, was put under contract and built in the fall of that year.

The town did not have much of a building boom that year. The facilities for procuring building material were very meagre. The only dwellings that were in course of construction were the ones now occupied by Mrs. Dr. Barnes and Mrs. T. A. Edwards, and they were not completed for some two year afterwards.

The County Court had made an order in the fall of 1843 to have a new jail erected. The building was put under contract that same fall. It was awarded to Alexander K. Halloway, of Bath county, Virginia. The foundation was put in, the stone cells erected, the brick made and burned and all other materials procured during the year 1844.

This was a Presidential campaign year. The Democrats in their National Convention, which was held in Baltimore, Md., nominated Jas. K. Polk, of Tennessee, as their standard bearer. The Whigs nominated Henry Clay, the great Kentucky statesman, as their champion. Polk was a man

comparatively unknown, only having served one or two terms in Congress, while Clay had obtained a world wide reputation as an orator and profound statesman. I have passed through several Presidential elections since, but I have never seen a more hotly contested and exciting contest than that between Polk and Clay. In September of that year the Democrats held a convention and a barbecue in this place, and notwithstanding the sparsely settled condition of the country at that day, I have seldom, if ever, seen a larger number of people congregated together than I saw on that occasion. The speakers were the Hon. Joseph Johnson, of Bridgeport, Harrison county, and the Hon. John S. Carlisle, then of Philippi, Barbour county. It is not worth while for me to attempt to describe the power and eloquence of the former of these speakers. His personal magnetism and his beauty of speech were captivating. The latter was a young man at that time but had attained an enviable reputation as an orator and politician. I will have considerable more to say about these two gentlemen in the progress of these sketches.

And now, lest I should worry the readers of *The Democrat*, I will close. In my next article I will take up the judiciary of the county as I understood it at the period of which I am writing. I will also have something to say about the churches of that period.

An Old Citizen.

"Weston Democrat" Sat. 30 Jan. 1892

Note: "An Old Citizen" was George P. Oliver. Many of these recollections were re-published under the heading of "Oliver Letters".

CASAD- HALL CEMETERY

Located on Sports Street in Fairborn, Green County, OHIO - Section 21

Brannon, Charlotte, wife of James M. Brannum, daughter of M. & M. Hall, died Mar. 10, 1861, age 26y6m17d.

Brannum, James M. died Sep. 7, 1881 aged 54y3m2d

Brannum, William Co E 94th Ohio Infantry no dates

Casad, John A. died Aug. 29, 1845 aged 22yrs

Cozad, Mercy, dau. of Wm., d. Oct. 15, 1823 aged 16 mos.

Cozad, Mercy, wife of Jacob, d. May 18, 1835 age 79y3m17d

Haddix, Rachel, wife of John R., dau. of M. & M. Hall, died July 8, 1849 aged 23y7m

McNulty, Elizabeth wife of William McNulty; relict of John Jackson, died 1845 in 66th yr. of her age

Ragar, Charlotte, wife of James M., died Nov. 26, 1877, aged 25y1m16d

Hall, Moses died Jan. 4, 1880 aged 86y2m19d - Veteran

Hall, Mary, wife of Moses, d. July 8, 1866 age 71y6m7d

Hall, William, son of M. & M., d. Oct. 22, 1848 age 25y9m18d

Hall, Adison, son of J. J. & H. S., d. May 26, 1875 - 5y5m26d

Hall, Jimmie, son of J. J. & R., d. Jan. 8, 1883 - 1m7d

Footstone - H. S. H.



Reading by Dorothy Limbach · 1967. submitted by Earl Balsley

Notice concerning "California Proposes Closing Records"

We regret that the bill # AB 3170, reported in Journal Issue 14 #1 was given to us in error. The correct bill # is not known at this time.

THE VALLEY CAMPAIGN CIVIL WAR SHOP

405 6TH Street
Fairmont, WV 26554

Recently opened for business, this shop has a tremendous variety of American Civil War items for the re-enactor, American or West Virginia history buff and children.

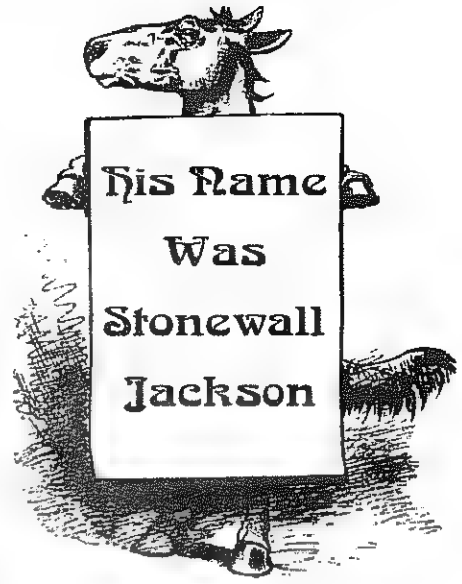
Shop hours are: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Tuesday thru Saturday.

Curt and Mary Heldreth - 304-367-9469 or

E-mail: the.civil.war.shop@westvirginia.com

Death of a Famous Horse

Perhaps the oldest horse in West Virginia died in Lewis county last week. He was owned by John Cookman, Sr., of Jesse's Run, and was a relict of the late war. He was branded with a letter "B" on one shoulder, and was used in the cavalry service of the Confederate Army. In color the horse was a jet black with white hind feet and white spot on end of the nose, and was a very attractive animal. His name was "*Stonewall*" *Jackson*. He weighed 1150 pounds was 15 1/2 hands high and very gentle in disposition. Although he was used throughout the war it is related that the excitement of battle had a strange effect upon him, and in the midst of firing he would stand perfectly still, and it was on this account that he had to be removed from cavalry duty.



At the close of the war he was owned by Dr. Charter, of Knatty's creek, who sold him to Mr. Cookman, at a good price. He was an invaluable horse on the farm and was very kind in harness and under the saddle. He was used continuously on the farms of Mifflin and Minter Cookman, until about one year ago, when he was turned out to do as he pleased. He died on the 11th of December, aged 34 years. In honor of his old age and in commemoration of the executive service he had performed, he was buried with ceremony. Mr. Mifflin Cookman built a stonewall around him and covered it with flat flagstone, after which his brother, Minter Cookman, fired a revolver over the grave, and the old horse of Jackson's famous Brigade was left to rest.

"Weston Democrat", December 19, 1891

"Weston Democrat" December 16, 1893

Wm. Linger died on Thursday, December 7th at his home on Little Skin Creek. He was one of the oldest citizens of this county and would have been 92 years of age next March. He was the youngest of his father's family. His father was a hatter by trade and came to this country from Germany in his youth.

February 3, 1894

Mrs. Joseph Boilen of Jesse's Run, died January 24th and was buried on the David Boilen's farm the 25th. She left 5 children and a husband who mourn her loss, her youngest child being but seven days old.

February 24, 1894 - Mr. Joe Boilen, who lost his wife recently will take his children to Braxton in a few days where they will be cared for by their mother's relatives for a few years.

1886 WHO'S WHO IN WESTON TRADE

"Weston Democrat" 15 Aug. 1947

Running through the old files the other day this writer ran across a complete list of stores and other business houses in Weston at the start of the year 1886, or almost three score years ago.

The list made interesting reading, not only for the names to be found in the musty papers but for the various type businesses which were represented, some of which are as extinct as the dodo bird today.

In part, here are some of them:

Dry Good Houses: George Ross, W. L. Dunnington, John A. Barnes, M. J. Casey and Bro., A. A. Lewis, A. F. Whelan and Bro.

Groceries: Ralston & Son, R. M. Patterson, T. N. Barnes, Woodford & Davis, J. P. Troxell, Albert Weber, F. Brinkman.

Drug Stores: Bare and Whelan, John Morrow, Er Ralston.

Hardware: Harrison & Warren, Charles O'Hara & Co., A. S. Warder.

Boots and Shoes: Louis Bradley, E. Bideker, West & Post, Patrick Kierns, A. C. Hale.

Jewelry: Er Ralston and S. M. Hardman.

Saddles and Harnesses: H. H. Smith, Elias Fisher, Blair and Danser, Jones & Elza.

Milliners and Dress-Makers: Mrs. M. S. Darlinton, Mrs. L. A. Strickler, Mrs. E. G. Minnich, Mrs. E. J. Cox, Miss Emma Hall, Miss Mary Crogan.

Tailors: Thomas Owens, John Troxell, F. Hindenach.

Meat Markets: Smith Thomas, P. M. Hale, J. Weber.

Photographers: S. E. Barrett, Jacob Stealey.

Hotels: Bailey House, E. M. Tunstill, Weston House, R. W. Sterling; Hayden House, J. M. Daken and Co.; Tierney Hotel, Patrick Tierney; Shamrock House, James Burns.

Saloon (oysters "etc.") About ten. (Editor's Note: We'll warrant they sold more "etc." than oysters.)

Livery stables: James P. Cole, Frank White, Jacob Weber.

Furniture: James Forinash and Co., John Schmitt, Louis McBride.

Organ and Piano Dealers: J. P. Cole, S. E. Barnett.

Barber Shops: Franz Hindenach, Miss Fannie Bruder.

Tinners: W. J. Dougherty, A. J. Wood.

Marble Works: Koon & Mason, W. J. Kitson.

Tannery: Leonidas Smith, West Weston.

Insurance Agencies: Bland and Bland, J.B. Finster, Er Ralston, Harrison & Warren, T. Brinkman.

Coal Dealers: J. P. Cole, Richard Barrett and others.

Transfer, Drayage : Isaac Urbach, S. J. Troxell.

Carpenters and Contractors: W. Smith, J. H. Todd, William Lockart, A. A. Arnold, William McBride, Atchison Bros., J. H. Bunch, Jerry Moore, W. H. Bragg, Irvin Bros.

Gunsmith: Conrad Kester.

Blacksmith: John G. Atkins, I. S. Gould, James Lynch, Thomas Lynch & Son, William Coburn, W. F. Lewellen.

Wholesale Grocery: Ruhl, Koblebard and Co.

Wagon Maker: Theo. Butcher, West Weston.

Newsdealer and Stationer : J. B. Finster.

Lumber Dealers: Hinkle, King & Co., A. F. Whelan.

Real Estate Dealers: T. W. Hale, Dean & Neff.

Brickmakers and Contractors : P. M. Hale, W. J. Kitson.

House, Sign and Ornamental Painters: H. Limbert, J. A. Watson, B. F. Boilon, Ed Shaver.

Carriage Factories : James McGann & Son, W. F. Lewellen.

Physicians: G. B. Simpson, A. H. Kunst, J. I. Warder, M. S. Holt, T. G. Edmiston, N. B. Bland, Mat Edmiston (Hospital: W. J. Bland, J. S. Lewis, J. H. Manown, C. C. Hersman.)

Lawyers: J. M. Bennett, George J. Arnold, Matthew Edmiston, W. E. Arnold, Henry Brannon, John Brannon, William E. Lively, W. G. Bennett, Louis Bennett, W. W. Brannon, Andrew Edmiston, R. J. Simpson, James W. Woofindin, Thomas Hunton, T. W. Hale, W. S. McGary, Eugene Sommerville, G. M. Chidester, Meigs Bland, George C. Cole, W. T. Bland.

Newspapers and Job Printing: Republican, M. S. Holt, editor; World, Edmiston & Grandon, Editors; Democrat, T. A. Edwards, editor.

Postoffice: W. H. Aspinall, postmaster; A. H. Brown, clerk.

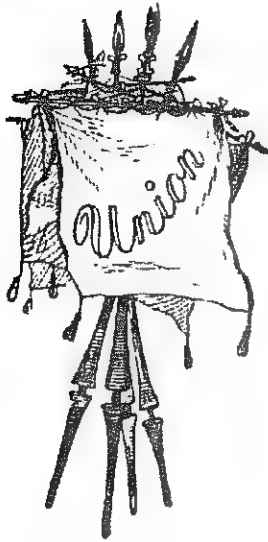
Vandervorts and Roschi's cheese factories.

Associations and Companies: National Exchange Bank, Weston Building Association; Weston Rink Association, Clarksburg, Weston & Glenville Railroad and Transportation company, Weston & Buckhannon Railroad company; Singer Sewing Machine Co., Davis Sewing Machine Co., Central Telephone company, Rodgers Telephone company, Clarksburg, Weston & Buckhannon Express company; Weston & Clarksburg Telegraph company.

Factories, Mills, etc.: Weston Foundry, Weston Machine Shops, Weston Flouring Mills, West Weston Planing Mills.

THE FLORENCE PRISON STOCKADE

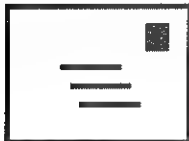
Who Were The Union Soldiers Who Died Here?



In the late summer of 1864, the first of about 15,000 Union P.O.W.'s to be confined in THE FLORENCE PRISON STOCKADE arrived by train in FLORENCE, SC. They had come from ANDERSONVILLE, GA, by way of CHARLESTON, SC where they had been camped for about a month while the stockade in Florence was being completed. During it's short history (about 6 months), over 2700 men died during their stay here, and were buried on nearby land. This site became the FLORENCE NATIONAL CEMETERY.

At the WAR BETWEEN THE STATES MUSEUM in Florence, there are numerous artifacts left behind by the prisoners. There is also a scale model of the stockade.

Most of the Union soldiers who died are unidentified. There is an effort underway by the WAR BETWEEN THE STATES MUSEUM to try to identify these soldiers who died and are buried here, so they are requesting information from descendants or any persons who have knowledge of Union soldiers who were held here and died, to please contact the museum at 107 South Guerry St., Florence, SC, 29501 or E-mail: PDRIFLES@AOL.COM. Thanks.



1 April 1996

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1920 Jackson County West Virginia Census

Mail check and orders to:

Every name index included

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Continuation:

pg 357 18 Nov 1788

Edward Tanner vs Jessee Hughes - Att for attendance as witness July for 175 lb. of Tob.

pg 359 15 Dec 1788

David Sleeth vs. John Sleeth - discontinued for want of appearance

pg 360 15 Dec 1788

Ordered that John Radcliff be appointed constable for this county.

pg 363 16 Feb 1789

Present William Lowther, John McCally, John Sleeth, Thomas Read, Hezekiah Davisson and Jonathan Cobun, gen. justices

pg 364 16 Feb 1789

On motion and petition, ordered that Watson Clark, John Radcliff, John Wolf and Seth Hickman or any three of them they being first sworn do view and mark a way for a road from Seth Hickmans to Matthew Nutters the nearest and best way and make report thereof to next court.

That Jesse Hughs be appointed surveyor of highway in the room of John Sims.

pg 366 7 Feb 1789

Present Wm. Lowther, John Sleeth, Thos. Webb, John McCally, gent. justices.

On motion ordered that all the hands in the district of Robt. Lowther do aid and assist him the said Lowther in opening and keeping in repair the road leading from William Lowthers to the lower fork on Elk Creek.

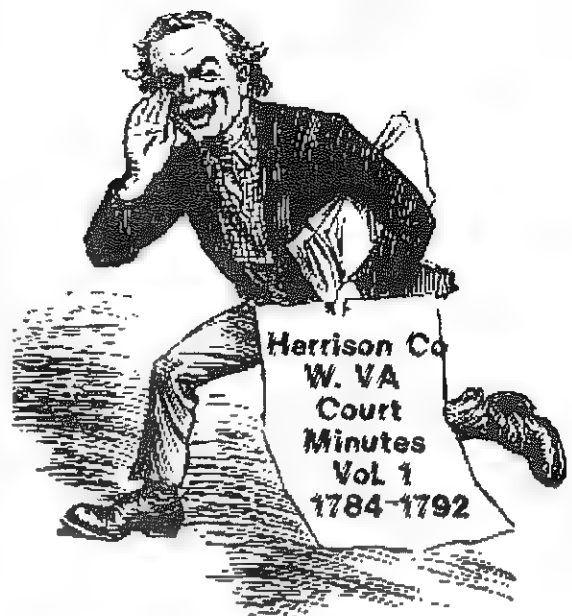
pg 367 07 Feb 1789

Jon McCally came into court and proved fourteen days serving as a commissioner of the road from the state road to or near to the mouth of the Little Kanakaka.

pg 368 16 March 1789

A grand jury of inquest for the body of the county To Wit: Thomas Barkley foreman, Obadiah Davisson, George Arnold, Obadiah Davisson Junr., Andrew Davisson, John Albin, Joseph Kelso, Enoch Betts, Wm. Davis Senr., Wm. Bockens, Caleb Stout, John Read, Francis Patton, Benj. Bartlett, Thomas McCann and John Wolf.

The jury having received their charge withdrew and after some time returned and made the following presentation viz. We the grand jury find a bill against John



Radcliff Senr. and Thomas Cottrell Senr. for assault and battery by the knowledge of two of our own body.

Also against **Jonathan Cobun and Thos. Cottrell Senr.** for assault and battery by two of our own body August Court 1788.

Also against **John Asa and Isaac Bockover** for assault and battery by two of our own body (about June last).

Also against **Samuel Shaw** for retailing liquor by two of our own body (16th March 1789).

Also against **Charles Barry and Joseph Lee** for assault and battery by the knowledge of two of our own body (about February last).

Also against **Thomas Nutter** for profane swearing and getting drunk by the knowledge of two of our own body (in February last).

Also against **David Earl and Wm. Lindsay** for assault and battery by the information of **Peter Kenshalo** about February last.

Also against **John Lindsay and Walter Lindsay** for profane swearing about February last by the information of **Peter Kenshalo**.

Also against **Job Hughes** for assault and battery by the information of **Patrick McCann** about the first of March last.

Also against **Alexander Steel and Charles Harris** for profane swearing by two of our own body this day.

pg 378 18 Mar 1789

That **James Tanner** be recommended to his Excellency the Governor as a proper person to fill the office of Capt. of the Militia for this county and **Thomas Hughes** Lieut. and **John Brown** and **John Hacker** Ensigns.

pg 379 18 Mar 1789

Peter Kenshalo vs. Wm. Radcliff - agreed.

pg 380 20 Apr 1789

On motion of **John McCalley** he is admitted to resign his office of commission and ordered to be recorded.

On motion of **George Arnold and Jonathan Cobun** they are admitted to resign their office of deputy surveyors and ordered to be recorded.

Ordered that **Joseph Husted** be appointed surveyor of the highway in room of **Robert Lowther** and hands in said Lowthers district keep in repair the highway from the Bear Walloy to the Island Ford.

pg 381 21 April 1789

On motion of **Peter Kenshalo** (in custody of the Sheriff) ordered that he be permitted to go at large until a further Inquiry can be made into the truth of facts as it appears a doubt with this court as to the legality of the fine imposed on the complainant for which he is in custody and said Kenshalo to appear at next court and if nothing then can be made open against him he is to be fully discharged.

pg 385 18 May 1789

Grand jury To Wit: **Joseph Fortney** foreman, **Wm. Haymond**, **Christopher Nutter**, **Wm. Davis Senr.**, **Daniel Fink**, **John Murphy**, **Charles Harris**, **Edward Cuning**, **Conrad Richards**, **Seth Hickman**, **Thomas Wilkinson**, **George Arnold**, **John Wolf**, **Thomas McCann**, **Wm. Asa**, **Thomas Barkley**.

After being sworn and receiving their charge, withdrew and after some time returned and made the following presentment To Wit: Presented (indicted)

John Asa and **Thomas Cotrell son of Andrew** for breaking the peace by assault and battery by the knowledge of our own body about the 20th of April last past.

Presented **Martha Richards** for having a base born child by the knowledge of our own body within the year last past.

Presented **Wm. Greathouse Senior** for profane swearing as by the knowledge of our own body this 18th of May 1789.

pg 387 18 May 1789

On motion of **William Lowther** administrator of the estate of **Arnold Richards** deceased that the surveyor of the county together with **Nicholas Carpenter**, **George Jackson**, **Hezekiah Davisson** or any two of them with the Surveyor go on the lands of said Richards deceased and assign to the widow her dower of the land according to law and make report of their proceedings to next court and the same is ordered according and the same to be certified.

pg 391 19 May 1789

Thomas Cottrall came into court and proved four days attendance as a witness in **Hezakiah Davisson** trial against **Wm. Robinson**

pg 393 20 May 1789

Present: **John Sleeth**, **Jonathan Coburn**, **Jno. Hall** and **Thos. Webb**, gentlemen justices. New actions:

Patrick McCann vs John Hughes - agreed

Old Chancery suits:

Danl. Davisson vs Wm. Ratcliff - judgment for plaintiff L1.8.3

pg 402 20 July 1789

Nickolas Carpenter came into court and made oath to thirty days service as a commission of the State Road from the State Road to the mouth of Little Kanaway from the 20th of March 1789 to this date and ordered to be recorded.

pg 406 17 Aug 1789

Present: **William Lowther**, **George Jackson**, **John McCalley**, **Benj. Robinson**, **John Hacker** and **Jonathan Cobun**, gentlemen justices and **Benj. Wilson** clerk of the said court to the oath by the act of Congress of the first of June 1789.

HELMICK FAMILY HISTORY

submitted by Anna M. Moore

Although our Abraham Helmick is never mentioned in any Helmick Family History I can now prove that my husband's great-great grandfather Abraham Helmick was the son of Jacob Helmick, Sr. who died in Randolph Co.(W)VA in 1815.

Abraham HELMICK was b. abt 1787 somewhere in Virginia. He died 16 Apr. 1861 in Calhoun Co. (W)VA at the age of 74. He and his wife are buried in Minnora Cemetery in Calhoun Co. He was the s/o of Jacob Helmick, Sr. and wife Barbara (surname unknown). There was some speculation that her name was HINKEL but the HINKEL family strongly rejects this theory.

In the LAST WILL of Jacob HELMICK, SR., executed 13 June 1815 in Randolph Co., (W)VA, Abraham was appointed Executor. Abraham and his brother, Adam, inherited most of the land left by Jacob HELMICK, SR .

Other children named in this LAST WILL were: Hannah (we know that Hannah Helmick who is mentioned in Paragraph 4 of the will of Jacob Helmick married Daniel HARDWAY on 18 Jan 1816 in Randolph Co.;) Elizabeth WESTFALL, w/o Cornelius Westfall; Sarah BORER, w/o Jacob Borer; Mollie BUFFINGTON, w/o Jonathan Buffington; Barbara CLARK, w/o William Clark. Also named in the will was Jesse WILSON, son of his deceased daughter, Mary, w/o Jacob WILSON. (most of the above marriages are recorded in the Randolph Co. Marriage Books.)

In paragraph seven he leaves one shilling to his son John and in paragraph nine he leaves one dollar to his son Jacob.

Randolph Co. Index to Deeds lists the sale of a parcel of land by Abraham HELMICK to Edwin S. Duncan in 1816. The deed specifically states "*being the land on which Jacob HELMICK, deceased, resided at the time of his death and was devised to the said Abraham HELMICK, by the Last Will and Testament of his father, the said Jacob HELMICK, deceased.*"

Abraham HELMICK m. Fair Sabra CONNOLLY, d/o Dr. George CONNOLLY and Sally MORRIS 20 Nov. 1817 in Lewis Co.(W)VA. Sabra CONNOLLY was b. 17 Jan 1800 in Richmond Co., VA. She died 24 Dec. 1866 in Calhoun Co. Abraham and Sabra had the following children:

Sarah b. 1819; Abraham White b. abt 1822 m. Mathana SKIDMORE 07 Apr. 1845; Anna B. b 1823 m. Daniel SHARP 02 May 1861 in Calhoun Co.; Jacob, b. 1825; Bethany Tanner b. 1831 m. Solomon MCCUNE 06 Apr. 1861 in Kanawha Co.; Betsy b. 1831; Henry b. 1833; Hudson b. 1834 m. Minerva DOUGLAS 30 Mar. 1854 in Gilmer Co.; Margaret b. 1835; Mary Jane b. 19 Nov. 1842 m. 1) George WIBLIN, 2 children, 2) John Harris JARVIS, 1 child and 3) Samuel J. Moore 9 children; Elizabeth b. 1839 m. Wm. A. BAILEY 13 Sept. 1856 in Calhoun Co.; and John Riley Newton b. 1845.

There has been some question whether all of the above children belonged to Abraham and Sabra but until proven otherwise they shall remain as their children.

Mary Jane HELMICK, who is our ancestor, married George WIBLIN 27 Jul. 1857 and produced two children: Amy b. 18 Nov. 1858 in Calhoun Co. and Elihue b. 08 July 1859 in Calhoun Co.. George, who we believe died in the Civil War, was the s/o William and Sabra Wiblin. Amy m. Broad BURTON of Harvey's Creek. There were no children. Elihue m. Alice BURTON. They had a large family but they separated and Elihue m. Lottie WELCH. Elihue separated from Lottie and remarried Alice.

Mary Jane's second marriage to John Harris JARVIS on 05 May 1865 ended in divorce (divorce is recorded in the Chancery Records, Calhoun Co.). They had a son, Thomas Floyd b. 12 Jan 1867 in Calhoun Co. John JARVIS sued Mary Jane on the grounds of adultery and was granted the divorce on 20 May 1867 in Calhoun Co. It is interesting to note that the ink was hardly dry on the divorce decree when John Jarvis married Mary E. HALL on 22 May 1867. The child, Thomas Floyd, was raised by his paternal grandmother Debra Jarvis Brooks. John H. JARVIS d. 13 Oct. 1890 and is buried next to his mother in the Clark Jarvis Cemetery - White Oak in Calhoun Co. Her name is inscribed as Deby Broox (p. 228, *Cemeteries in Calhoun Co., West Virginia*).

Abraham and Sabra HELMICK are mentioned in Col. DeWeese "Recollections of a Life Time" along with Hannah Helmick, sister of Abraham, who married Daniel HARDWAY. In 1904, Col. D. S. DeWeese wrote his memoirs describing life in Calhoun Co. in the 1800's. This book was printed in the *Early History of Clay Co.* He discusses Dr. George Connolly's daughters and on page 15 Col. DeWeese says "*Sabria (Connolly) who married Abraham Helmack.*" (they made an error and typed it as "Melmack.") On p. 16 Col. DeWeese says "*Hardway married a Helmack, a sister of Abraham Helmack.*" Col. DeWeese described Abraham as "*a man in his day that was a great sport, and kept things lively. He lived to be an old man leaving a large family.*"

SOURCES: Last Will of Jacob Helmick, Sr. recorded in *Book 2, p. 2, Randolph Co. Records.*

Sale of land by Abraham Helmick to Edwin S. Duncan recorded in *Randolph Co. Index to Deeds, Book 7, p. 5.*

Children of Abraham and Sabra listed in Calhoun Co. Marriage Books.

Calhoun Co. Chancery Records

Cemeteries in Calhoun Co. West Virginia, compiled by Calhoun Co. Historical and Genealogical Society.

Lewis Co. Marriage Records.

"Recollections of a Life Time" Col. D. S. DeWeese.

My proof is irrefutable and I think that our Abraham Helmick can now take his rightful place in the HELMICK FAMILY HISTORY. I have sent a copy of this information to Don Norman, Nedra Brill, Editor of the Hinckel Newsletter, Helen Fest and Genevia Connolly.

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1818-1864

compiled by James S. & Evelyn E. Blake

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Correction & Additions to the Paul Rollins Family

submitted by Aristotle (John) Rollins

Paul Rollins of London, Br. married Catherine Johnson 1695, their son Bernard Johnson Rollins born 1700, married Martha ? Litton, Prince George Co., MD and their son Elijah Rollins born 1759 married Elizabeth McGill, August 6, 1778.

Children of Elijah and Elizabeth were:

- Eleanor "Polly" b. ca 1781 MD; m. William Pringle b. ca 1780 MD
- Mary "Polly" b. ca 1783, MD; m. Jessie Slaughter (Shamblin per House is wrong)
- Zachariah Litton b. 1785 m. #1 Ann Clark, #2 Elizabeth Howell
- Barnbus/Barney b. bf 1790 m. Catherine Weatherholt
- Elijah J., b. 1788 m. Lucretia Casto
- Susannah b. ? m. William Casto (Maryland Births)
- James b. 1790 VA; m. Nancy Lee
- Priscilla b. 1796 m. Joel Westfall Jr. Joel's first wife was Elizabeth White and they had ten children. Joel and Pricilla had six children. A son of Joel and Priscilla was Ethalbert Drake Westfall who married Eliza Ann Yerkey. They had a daughter Francis Jane Westfall who married Robert Washington Rollins, the son of Robert Fay (John) Rollins and Martha (Patsy) Monroe. Another Francis Rollins married Joseph Basil Frasure. She may be part of the R. F. Rollins family since her father is listed as John.

The Rollins family are not English. Three brothers were mercenaries with William the Conqueror and came to Britian in 1066 with his army.

BAPTIZED ON THE 4TH OF JULY

Edmund Dennison was a humble Baptist preacher who lived from 1799 to 1899. Elder Dennison lived in Harrison and Lewis Counties, West Virginia, after his father migrated from Fauquier County, Virginia, while Edmund was a young boy.

The story is mostly told in Edmund's own words through his letters and autobiographical writings. This book includes some photographs and an index.

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Upshur County WV Books Available

Obituaries and News Items 1872-1900 - indexed

taken from old Buckhannon newspapers

Cost: \$16.00

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maiden names added - 204 pages - indexed

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Buckhannon, WV 26201
304-472-5124



1. On the **Hardman** side, I'm looking for info on: **WILLIAMS**, Margaret Ella, b May 10, 1867, d. July 20, 1920 or 1927; **WILLIAMS**, Solomon, b. Apr. 29, 1830 in Holland; d Apr. 27, 1906; **SIMONS**, Virginia E., b. May 27, 1835, d. Jan 1919; **FORINASH**, Malinda, b. 1820 in Lewis County, VA, d. 1884 in Braxton; Co., VA; **HYRE**, Rachel, b. Mar 9, 1827, d. Feb. 17, 1906; On my mother's side **WIMER**: **WIMER**, Josiah, b. Aug. 24, 1832 in Banks Dist. VA; **WIMER**, Henry, b. 1803, Henry's wife, known only as Elizabeth, b. 1810; **BENNET**, Clorinda (Clarissa), b. Feb. 23, 1840, d. May 7, 1873; **BENNET**, Hezikiah, b. 1812, Hezikiah's wife, known only as Elizabeth, b. 1813; **CLAYPOLE**, Emanuel, b. May 5, 1813 (or 1805); **MALLARD**, Eliza, b. June 21, 1813 (in Germany); **BROWN**, James, b. Jan 3, 1803 in Pendleton City, VA; **BROWN**, Israel, b Jan 5, 1773 in Ballington City, NJ; **PRINGLE**, Sally, b. ca May 1778 in Rockingham City, VA; **SKIDMORE**, Magdalena, wife of James **BROWN**. Contact: Geneva Hilliard ghilliard@earthlink.net or Snail mail:

2. I am looking for ancestors of **Hanson BENNETT** and **Martha Ray MARTIN**. They left West Virginia ca 1908 after attending University of WV. I believe they were from Morgantown or Clarksburg. Contact: **Betty B. Goldsberry**, 107 Jasmine Ct., Allen, TX 75002-4613 or bgold@popi.net.

3. Seeking birth, marriage & death records on: **John HAYS**, Sr. (ca 1775), his son, **John HAYS JR.**, & **John HAYS**, Jr's son, **John Henderson HAYS** (ca 1810). Also, genealogical information listing brothers & sisters for each would be appreciated. Contact: **Robert B. LLOYD**, 332 Shawanee Rd., Harrogate, TN 37752, (432) 869-3385.

4. **Irene Boggs**, PO Box 710, Richwood, VA 26261 seeks the following information:

Other researchers for the **SCHAFFNER** line. Specifically **Rosina SCHAFFNER** who married **Martin JUDY** (spelling variation: **TSCHUDI**). Daughter **Barbara m. Jacob BOORER** ca 1770.

Parents of, date and place of birth of **Margaret Jane SHARP**. She m. **James Charles BOGGS**, 25 Jan. 1751, Wilmington, DE and she d. 20 Apr. 1816 Greenbrier Co., (W)V.

Parents of, dates/places of birth and death of **Mary STALLMAN**. She may have been born in Hardy Co., (W)V ca 1805-1810. She m. **Patrick CONNOLLY** 14 Apr. 1824 in Lewis Co., (W)V.

Parents of, dates/places of birth and death, date of marriage of **William MORRIS** b. ca 1745 and **Mary (?)**. They were the parents of **Sallie MORRIS** who married **George CONNOLLY**.

Parents of, date/place of birth of **John KNIGHT**. He m. **Elizabeth "Betsy" LEWIS**, 14 Feb. 1810 in Greenbrier Co., and d. in May 1850 in Braxton Co., WV.

Braxton Co. Courthouse records state that **Joseph Pierson BOGGS** d. 22 Jul. 1858 due to "suffocation in a well". Other researchers have stated seeing in print that he was murdered by a **BELKNAP** and his body was dumped in a well. Can anyone point me in the direction of that printed story?

Seeking to correspond with anyone researching **WARD, WATTS, WESTBROOK, PARSONS, MOORE, EVANS, and DENNIS** in the 1700's in the central WV area.

Date of death and place of burial of **Maranda Haymon BOGGS**. He was on the 1920 Braxton Co. Census. His body was found face down in Little Buffalo Creek, between Gassaway and Sutton, by four children out horseback riding. Two of those children were **Josie (Friend) Beall** and **Eva (James) Boggs**. A notice appeared in the Sept. 10, 1920 issue of "The Braxton Democrat" stating that Maranda's personal items would be sold at public sale on 17 Sept. 1920 by his son, **Arch Lee BOGGS**. WV State Police have no record of the death and none has been recorded. Also, the previous week's issue of the "The Braxton Democrat" is missing on the microfilm at the State Archives in Charleston. Can anyone give me any help on this?

5. Seeking information on **Isaac HUSK** who migrated to Monongalia County, then to Greene Co., PA and back to the Roane Co. WV area. Contact: **Danny Husk**, PO Box 1384, Lanark Village, FL 32323-1384

6. Seeking parents of **Abraham BRAKE**. At the June session of the Hardy County Court, the Overseers of the Poor ordered **Abraham Brake** "aged three last January" into the custody of **Jacob BRAKE Sr.** Who were his parents? ... In Hardy County, April 1805 **Abraham BRAKE** married **Mary SMITH**. We would like to hear from any researcher of Hardy County Smiths who is missing a daughter born about 1790. **Abraham and Sarah Smith Brake** (her middle name) are documented in Monroe Twp., Licking Co., OH 1820 census through their deaths. Contact: **Harold "Jack" and Harriet Piper**, 2609 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308.

7. I would like to correspond with anyone who knows of **Squire Bosworth MCCANN**. Contact: **John D. McCann**, 1234 Valley View Dr., Minot, ND 58703 or E-mail: JohnMcCann@pol.org or KBOBP@aol.com.

8. **Bobbie Hudnall**, 3927 Fawn Creek Dr, Kingwood, TX 77330, seeks the following:

- Info about **Charles Fenly WARD** b. ca 1778 in ME. He was a brakeman on a log train, m. **Verna Stella HART** of WV ca. 1903. Their children were **Lillian, Irene, Joseph** (b. 2/12/1910) and **Evelyn**, all born in Ellmore, WV.
- Info about **Annie E. ROGERS** b. ca 1859/60 m. **James MacDonald WILSON** ca 1879/80. Mother of **Manerva M. SINGLETON** b. 8/1/1881; **Lydia F. SANDS** b. 9/22/1886; **Ethel G.** b. 2/20/1884; **William Wesley WILSON** b. 5/1/1889 d. 7/2/1890.
- Info about **John Charles LAUGHARY** (J. Charley) b. ca 3/1850 PA m. (1) **Margaret A. ? SIMPSON**, (2) **Lucy Cutlip SPENCER**. Son **Harry C. LAUGHARY** b. ca 1885 in Braxton Co., WV m. **Lucy B. BOGGS** b. 10/20/1909.

9. **Mrs. Alma Weilmuenster**, 242 Nancy Pl., Ballwin, MO 63021 seeks the following:

- Info on **Loyd NUTTER** b. May 11, 1841 m. Jan. 12, 1865 **Rachel HUFFMAN** b. Feb. 3, 1837. Rachel's parents were **John HUFFMAN** b. Mar. 12, 1794 VA m. **Sarah DEYO** b. June 4, 1796. Where/when did **John Huffman and Sarah Deyo** marry? Who were **Sarah's** parents? (**Loyd Nutter** was my great-great grandfather).
- Info on **Jesse Hamilton G. NUTTER** b. Dec. 1, 1818, d. 1895, m. **Mary MCWHORTER** Sept 20, 1838. Have a copy of her newspaper obit, searching for obit for **Jesse**.

- Info on **Thomas Christopher NUTTER** b. Aug. 22, 1787 WV, m. **Lois PARKS** June 30, 1808. Seek family info and obits. Also for: **Christopher NUTTER**, **Rebecca (Morehead) NUTTER**, **Thomas NUTTER** b. ca 1735 m **Sarah Elizabeth** ?
- Info on **Aaron MORGAN** b. Mar. 5, 1832 Wetzel Co., WV. What was his wife's name?

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10. **Mary Glass**, Rt. 4 Box 545, Weston, WV 26452 seeks the following:

- Info on **Evan MARKS** (age 27 in 1850 Gilmer Co., census) and wife, **Margaret PARSONS**. Children include: **Dolly**, **Elizabeth**, **Ezekial**, **Sarah** and **Roanna**.
- Info on **Thomas C. RAIKES** (1850 age 32) and wife **Mary Susan WOODY** b. 26 Feb. 1819 Buckingham Co. VA, of Rock Cave in Upshur Co., WV. Who were their parents? Date of marriage?
- Info on **Philip and Elizabeth RUTHERFORD** of Harrison County, both b. in 1780's. Children are believed to include **John**, **Middleton**, **Nancy**, **Elias Evans**, **Hiram**, **Philip**, **George Washington** and **Randolph Spicer**. Seeking dates and places of birth, marriage and death, as well as names of parents.
- Info on parents of **Samuel M. BRANNON**, b. abt 1802 in Washington DC lived in Gilmer Co., d. 2 July 1886. He is believed to have married (1) **Catherine or Sarah SLEETH** on 12 July 1821, (2) **Mary or Emily HAVERTY**. **Samuel** was a Methodist minister.

11. **Jerry L. Coffman**, 555 SE 6th Ave., #8-G, Delray Beach, FL 33483 seeks the following:

- Info on parents of **Sarah (Heavner) RADABAUGH** who m. **George RADABAUGH** 7/2/1818 Lewis Co., (W)V; d. 7/20/1879 at 80 yrs. (according to stone in Radabaugh Cemetery, Upshur Co., WV) Cutright's "History of Upshur County, WV" p. 539, says **Nicholas Heavner** is her father and **Catherine Kester** is her mother. Can you corroborate?
- Seek date/place of death and burial on **Sarah (Radabaugh) LANHAM** b. ca 1841 Harrison Co.; m. **Jasper LANHAM**, s/o of **George B. & Nancy (Urton) Lanham**, 7/12/1860 Upshur Co. She was living in Buckhannon 9/1923 according to obituary of her sister (**Anzina Wentz**). I'd like to correspond with other descendants of **Jasper and Sarah**.
- Seek parents of **Nancy (Urton) LANHAM** b. 1805 Frederick Co., VA, m. **George B. LANHAM** 12/25/1824 in Frederick Co. and d. 5/2/1876 in Barbour Co. (W)V.
- Seek date/place of death of **Mildred (Nelson) ROGERS** b. 1759 in Loudoun Co., VA; m. **Rhodom ROGERS** 1779 in Fairfax Co., VA. Husband **Rhodom** d. 7/1843 in Harrison Co., (W)V. Need burial location for both.
- Seek parents and death date of **Elinor (Lyon) ROGERS** b. ca 1790; m. **Rodam E. ROGERS** 4/21/1816 Harrison Co., (W)V. She is last found in 1860 Harrison Co. census, age 70. Also seek death date/burial for her husband **Rhodom E. ROGERS**, last found in 1850 Harrison Co. census.

12. Seeking father & mother of **Samuel & Jane (Wyatt) MCCANN**? Is it **John** or **William**? Contact: **Marian McCann Michaelis**, 415 West Ave., Laurel, MT 59044.

13. **MC George Arbogast** b. Oct. 1862; d. Feb. 18, 1944 in WV m. **Rachel MATTHEWS** b. Sept. 21, 1860; d. Sept. 14, 1952 in Junior WV. **Rachel and George** were m. Jan. 10, 1884. Children: **Rosco** b. June 21, 1885, **Lona** b. Nov. 30, 1886, **Ralph** b. Feb. 2, 1888, **Vanie** b. Aug. 7, 1890, **Maggie** b. Apr. 13, 1893, **Hanna May** b. Jan. 5, 1907 Barbour Co., Junior WV; d. April 28, 1988 Junior, WV buried Belington Cemetery. Contact: **Victoria Ann (Flaherty) Kuhns**, 1440 Blossom, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or E-mail 75150.2373@compuserve.com.

14. I am trying to locate any descendants of **Charles A. CARTER & Susan (Kennedy) CARTER**. Charles b. 9-17-1857, s/o **Robert Marshall CARTER** and **Catherine Rebecca ALKIRE**. I have them listed in Lewis Co. Census thru 1900. Their children were: **Dora, John Edward, Raymond, Mary E. T., Thomas R. (Roy)? & Pete Frank**. If anyone can give me Charles & Susan's death dates, place of burial. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Contact: **Dorothy Carter King**, 10900 Cadiz Rd, Cambridge, OH 43725.

15. **Matthew EDMISTON** b. 9 Sept. 1814, Little Levels, Pocahontas Co., (W)V. Pars were **Andrew EDMISTON** and wife **Mary "Polly" GILLILAN**. **Matthew m. Minerva A. BLAND** 13 Feb. 1840 Weston, Lewis Co., (W)V. The 1870 census for family includes following: **Matthew**, ae 55; **Minerva A.**, ae 48; **Harriet S.**, ae 28; **Thomas B.** ae 25; **Theoderick G.**, ae 23; **Andrew**, ae 20; **Fanny**, ae 28; **Matthew**, ae 13; **George**, ae 10; and **Ella R.**, ae 7. **Harriet m. Charles E. ANDERSON** 10 Apr. 1877 Lewis Co.; **Thomas B. m. Mary ARNOLD** 22 Apr. 1871 Lewis Co.; **Fanny m. George M. FLEMING** 10 Dec. 1879 Lewis Co. Would like to correspond w/anyone who may have knowledge of this family. I'm a descendant of "**Polly**" **Gillilan EDMISTON'S** brother **Nathan GILLILAN**. I'm interested in contacting other descendants of **James GILLILAN** and his wife **Lydia ARMSTRONG**. Contact: **Delbert B. Schuster**, 758 North Adams St., Lancaster, WI 53813-1107.

16. Seeking the parents of **John MOORE** and **Mary BARNHOUSE** who were m. 10 Sept. 1835 Randolph Co. (W)V. **John** d. ca 1850 and **Mary** m. widower **Wm. BRANNON JR** in Gilmer Co., in 1854. Also seeking the name of the wife of **Jacob HELMICK** who d. in 1815 in Randolph Co. **Jacob** was the father of **Abraham HELMICK** who m. **Sabra CONNOLLY** daughter of **George** and **Sallie (Morris) CONNOLLY**. Contact: **Anna M. Moore**, 5209 SW 32nd Ter., Topeka, KS 66614-4014.

17. **Bobby & Ruby Casto**, 109 Maple Ave., Stonewood, WV 26301, 304-622-5405, seek the following:

- Parents of **Mrs. Mattie M. POST** who was 42 yrs. old and living in Jane Lew, WV in March 1906. She states in an affidavit for **James SUDDARTH**, who was wounded during the Civil War in Co. E, 3rd WVA Infantry, that she was his blood niece.
- Need parents of **Nancy J. (Devers) HASKINS**, b. 1829, d. 1881, buried in the Broad Run Cemetery, Jane Lew, WV., m. and div. from **Noah A. HASKINS**. Need more info on **NOAH**. When **NOAH** m. his 2nd wife **Cordelia PATTON** 28 May 1868, it shows he was born in Albemarle Co., VA and that his parents were **R. L. and Harriet HASKINS**. What does the **R. L.** stand for? What was **Harriet HASKINS** maiden name?

18. **James Thomas DAILEY**, b. Ireland, m. **Mary Catherine MAJORS** ca 1799. Any information about their marriage, parents, etc. would be appreciated. Probably lived in Harrison County, (W)V. Contact: **Doris M. Rawlings**, 71836 London Rd, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or E-mail: jrd@ix.netcom.com.

19. **THORNHILL-STANLEY/STANDLEY** In Vol. XIV-Issue 1 of HCJ an article by Wilbur C. Thornhill gave the father of **Sarah STANLEY** who m. **John THORNHILL** as **Jacob STANLEY**. In fact Sarah's father was **THOMAS STANLEY** brother of **Jacob**. Harrison County death records Bk1-1853 shows **Sarah Thornhill** d. 12/29 - age 50y4m29d. Parents **Thomas and Catherine Stanley** - spouse **J. Thornhill**, birthplace Harrison Co.

The father of **Jacob** and **Thomas** was **William STANLEY**. Wm's will listing his children was presented in open court in 1822. Appraisement in Sept. 1822. I would like to correspond with anyone interested in the Stanley family and anyone who might have more info on **Nancy GIBBONS**, shown in the article as the mother of **Jacob**. Contact: **Jane D. Christmas**, 14 Southerland Rd., Savannah, GA 31411.

20. **Veronica J. Gentry**, 2555 Chapelwood Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15241-2868 seeks the following:

- **Jacob BOOHER, JR** and **Rebecca BUTCHER** had marriage bond in Lewis Co., Oct. 18, 1823. Rebecca was not of age, chose as her guardian on the same day **Henry FISHER**, who gave permission. Was **Henry FISHER** a relative of **Rebecca BUTCHER**?
- Seek date & place of death for **Sally FISHER LOUGH**, widow of **Philip LOUGH**. **Philip** died 1873 in Lewis County. **Sally** was still living, age 73, in April 1878, but was not on the 1880 census. Did she go to Illinois where she may have had relatives?
- Need parents of a **John FISHER** who died bef. 1818 when his widow, **Jane FISHER**, remarried **William CARTER** in Lewis County. **John** and **Jane Fisher** had at least one child, **Mary FISHER**, b. ca 1815, mar. **James WINE** in 1833. They lived in Braxton Co.
- Need info on **James ALLEN** early JP in Lewis Co., and his second (?) wife, **Frany (Fisher) TETER-ALLEN**. She was the widow of **Isaac TETER**, who died 1800 in Pendleton Co., leaving two small children. **James** and **Frany Fisher Allen** were in Lewis Co., ca 1806, gone? or died by the 1840 census.

21. **Mary E. Reeves**, PO Box 367, Beech Bottom, WV 26030 seeks the following:

- Seek descendants of **Gordon Elsworth COURTNEY**, b. 6/2/1862; d. 1939, s/o **Margaret C. COURTNEY** and **Luther ?**. **Margaret** was the daughter of **Andrew J. & Susan COURTNEY**. **Gordon** m. **Susan Elizabeth GROVES**, daughter of **Thomas J. & Nancy E. GROVES**. Will share info and photo of **Gordon & Susan**.
- Seek descendants of **Joseph Fletcher THOMPSON** b. 7/25/1852; d. 6/19/1899, s/o **James M. THOMPSON & Lovina ?** m. **Alice Rebecca JARBOE**, d/o **James H. JARBOE & Margaret E. MORELAND**, d/o **John T. MORELAND & Rebecca C. SINE**. Will share info and photo of **Joseph's** father's Civil War Medal.
- Seek descendants of **Beverly WAUGH** b. ca 1845; d. 1911. 1) **M. Mahalia WINEMILLER**, 2) **Alice Rebecca Jarboe THOMPSON**. B. Bush Grave Yard, Gaston WV. Will share info and photo of his Civil War Medal.
- Seek children of **Stella Edith HOLLAND** b. ca 1903; d. ca 1948 in Akron, OH. m. 1) **Joseph Fletcher THOMPSON Jr.**; 2) **Harry Raymond COURTNEY**. She was the mother to several Thompson children and one Courtney child. Any info is welcome. I will refund any postage.

22. **I.B.Y. (J.B.Y.) BAILEY** b. 26 May 1832, m. **Hannah THORNSBERRY**. The only two children I have found are: 1) **Thornsberry BAILEY**, b. ca 1782, m. 1 Aug. 1806, Monongalia Co., **Mary "Polly" BARTLETT** in Harrison Co. 1810, settled Simpson or Flemington. 2) **Thomas BAILEY** m. 11 Oct. 1803 Monongalia Co., **Nancy BARTLETT**. **Mary & Nancy** were probably d's/o **Thomas BARTLETT & Sarah ?**, maybe **Sarah CARROLL**. Wish anything further on the family of **I.B.Y./J.B.Y. BAILEY & Hannah THORNSBERRY**, and what was his name? Were **John BAILEY**, will proved 4 Apr. 1850, Taylor Co., (he had a son **Thornsberry**) and **Joseph BAILEY**, will proved 26 Jun. 1850, also sons, or maybe grandson of **I.B.Y./J.B.Y.**? Contact: **Anna Gandee Herbertson**, 17675 Hwy 83, Colorado Springs, CO 80908-1352 or E-mail: aherbertson@kkvtv.com.

23. I am interested in info on **Jacob & Anne SWISHER**, my great grandfather and his Native American wife - Cherokee I believe. Her English name was **Anne**. She was born in Hamlin Co., WV and m. **Jacob SWISHER** there. They moved to Findlay, OH where they ran a grocery store and had 8 children. **Grover SWISHER** was my grandfather, killed in WWII. He m. **Kuni STEGGMANN**. They had 3 sons: **Bernard Elmo**, **Glen & Cliff**. **Bernard SWISHER** is my father. Any info on **Jacob** or **Anne** will be greatly appreciated. Contact: **Dr. Karen Elizabeth Fisher**, 6205 Sequoia Dr., Midland, TX 79707.

24. Seeking info on the ancestry of my 3rd great grandfather, **Jacob MULLENDORE** of Frederick MD m. in MD 3/28/1785 **Susannah SWISHER**. **Jacob & Susannah** had two children: **Jacob MULLENDORE** b. ca 1792; **Elizabeth** b. ca 1793. The family moved to VA nr. Winchester. **Susannah**

Swisher MULLENDORE d. in VA and Jacob m. #2 Oct. 20, 1794 Susan Catherine HARTZELL ca. 1804 the whole family moved to Montgomery Co., OH. Contact: Mrs. Barbara Mullendore CALVERT, 40 Cedars Rd., Caldwell, NJ 07006.

25. James GASTON b. 1804 CA, s/o John & Anna Davisson GASTON, m. Charlotte "Lottie" Swisher, 4/26/1829. Need his birthplace, date of death/place and burial site. Andrew GASTON m. Feb. 5, 1859, Lewis Co., WV Sarah A. SWISHER, d/o Lewis D. SWISHER. Need parents of Andrew and their children's names. Contact: Rocky Swisher, Rt. 11 Box 200, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

26. Is there anyone who is doing research on the LAMBERT family of Harrison County, WV and Green Co/Monore Co, OH? I am especially interested in Anna LAMBERT who married Benjamin HOLDEN on 27 Jun. 1802 and Hannah LAMBERT who married William L. DAVIS 12 Apr. 1790. Are they sisters? Anna Lambert HOLDEN had a dau. Hannah who married Isaac STOUT 10 Mar. 1808. Any help would be appreciated? Contact: Charlotte Fleming, 8521 E. Shiloh St., Tucson, AZ 85710 or Email: flemingc@ix.netcom.com.

27. Linda MEYERS, 9682 Woodgate Lane, Byron, IL 61010-9556 or Email: Lmeyers966@aol.com seeks the following information:

- Seeking information on Nathaniel SIRON and Barbara, his wife of Shenandoah Co., VA. Was she the daughter of George Zeigler? Nathaniel died bet. 1790-1798. Heirs: John SIRON and wife Esther (Hiner); Ann & Solomon BULL; Susannah & Philip SUMNERS; Polly & Benjamin LENDAS; Elizabeth & Paulus WINDSOR/WINTER.
- Seeking burial place/dates of Jacob BURNER - b. ca 1720-Jul-Dec 1790 Shenandoah Co., VA and wife Magdalena BAUMGARDEN b. ca 1734 d. bet. 1785-1790, m. bef. 1750. Vitals on children Anna & Benjamin RUFFNER, Jacob Jr., Mary & Jacob BEAM, Elizabeth & Peter RUFFNER, Magdalena & John HINER, John, Barbara & John STOVER, Joseph & Ann (Rhodes), Christina & Samuel STRICKLER, Esther, Katherine & David BAUMGARDEN, Franky & Peter BAUMGARDEN, Samuel & Mary (Stover) and Michael & Magdalena (Gefeller).
- James MCPHERSON, s/o Stephen and Mary (Pyle) MCPHERSON, m. ca 22 Oct 1795 Frederick Co., Marriages Elizabeth DAVIS: (not LOUDOUN as previously recorded) bondsman Gary/Cary DAVIS. Seeking birth date for James. Seeking parents, birth date/place for Elizabeth. Was she the daughter of Gary? Elizabeth and James are buried in the Old Johnstown Church Cemetery in Harrison Co., WV on land they gave to the church. How are the DAVIS family buried near by related to Elizabeth? Gary DAVIS is listed in the 1810 Harrison County census. George A. DAVIS is buried directly behind Elizabeth and James. His death record says he was the s/o Gary and Rachel DAVIS. Seeking information of this family.

28. Martha BRIGGS, 1285 N. 450 W, Sunset, UT 84015 seeks the following:

- My gg grandfather James "Jimmie" BANKHEAD supposedly came to America at age 18, sailing in an open boat for three months from Scotland where he was born. He was a coal miner by trade. It is said that he served in the Mexican War before he married Mary WILLIAMS on 14 May 1847 in Sutton, Braxton Co., WV. The marriage I can verify. I was told they bought a farm at Weston, WV where four children were born; sold and bought land at Napier; sold and bought land at Vernon. They had seven children: Hugh, Jennie, William, Margaret, Malcom, Flora, and George W.- my g grandfather. I have been told he was buried at England Run Cemetery, Braxton, WV and his wife is buried at a cemetery in Weston, WV. I would really appreciate any help anyone might be able to give me.
- Looking for information concerning Abraham Rudolph LOSH, b. abt. 1851, m. Amanda J. (?THOMS?) in 1882, will was probated 27 Nov 1928. Had nine children: William, Jessie P.,

Bessie, Henry Walter, Charles Haymon, Cora, Flora, May, and Earl. Looking for information on Abraham's parents; confirmation of wife's name, and any other information out there.

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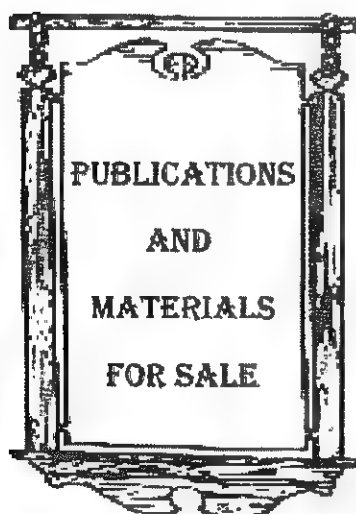
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